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## Ershad shuffles cabinet

DHAKA, Aug. 12, (Reuters). The Bangladeshi President, Hussain Muhammad Ershad, appointed a new vice president and a prime minister in a surprise cabinet reshuffle today.

The official BSS news agency said Ershad swore in Prime Minister Maumud Ahmed as Vice-President and Deputy Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed as Prime Minister.

It said the former vice-president, Justice A.K.M. Nazim Islam, had been relieved of his post. Islam, a former high court judge, had served for two years.

The agency gave no explanation for the sudden changes in the country's top political posts, which came just a day before Ershad was due to leave for a two-day visit to Iraq.

Under a constitutional amendment passed by the Parliament last month and due to take effect in 1991, vice-presidents are to be elected rather than appointed by the president.

## NEWSWATCH

### £ one million haul

LONDON, Aug. 12, (Reuters). Thieves bent sophisticated alarm systems to burglar the London home of a member of the Saudi royal family, Britain's domestic news agency the Press Association said today.

The burglars were understood to have stolen cash and valuables totalling £1 million (\$1.6 million) from the house at Wimbledon, south-west London, it said.

The Friday theft took place a month after a similar break-in at Hampstead, north London, in which currency and property valued at £4 million (\$6.5 million) were taken from a house belonging to the Sultan of Brunei.

### Strike ends

LONDON, Aug. 12, (Reuters). Burmese opposition leader Aung San San Kyi has ended her hunger strike after assurances from the government in Burma (Myanmar) that her followers will not be subjected to "inhuman interrogation," her husband told British officials today.

The Foreign Office quoted Michael Aris, a British, as saying at a meeting in Rangoon with British and Burmese officials that his wife "was no longer on hunger strike."

His statement dispelled rumours that Aun San San Kyi, who has been under house arrest since July 20, had been taken to hospital.

### Reactor closed

MOSCOW, Aug. 12, (Reuters). The Soviet Union today closed down a nuclear reactor producing weapons-grade plutonium at a military plant near Chelyabinsk in the southern Ural, the official news agency Tass reported.

Tass said the decision was in line with Moscow's policy of reducing production of fissionable materials for nuclear weapons.

It said a further two reactors at the plant would be closed down next year.

### Reporter defects

HAMBURG, Aug. 12, (Reuters). A top East German sports journalist has defected to the West leaving a coded farewell message in the athletics weekly he edited.

Joerg Kotterba, 39, fled to West Germany by ferry yesterday after covering an athletics meeting in Malmö, Sweden.

"It was not that easy," Kotterba told reporters in Hamburg today. "The ferry was the only possibility ... I knew they would look for me first at the airport."

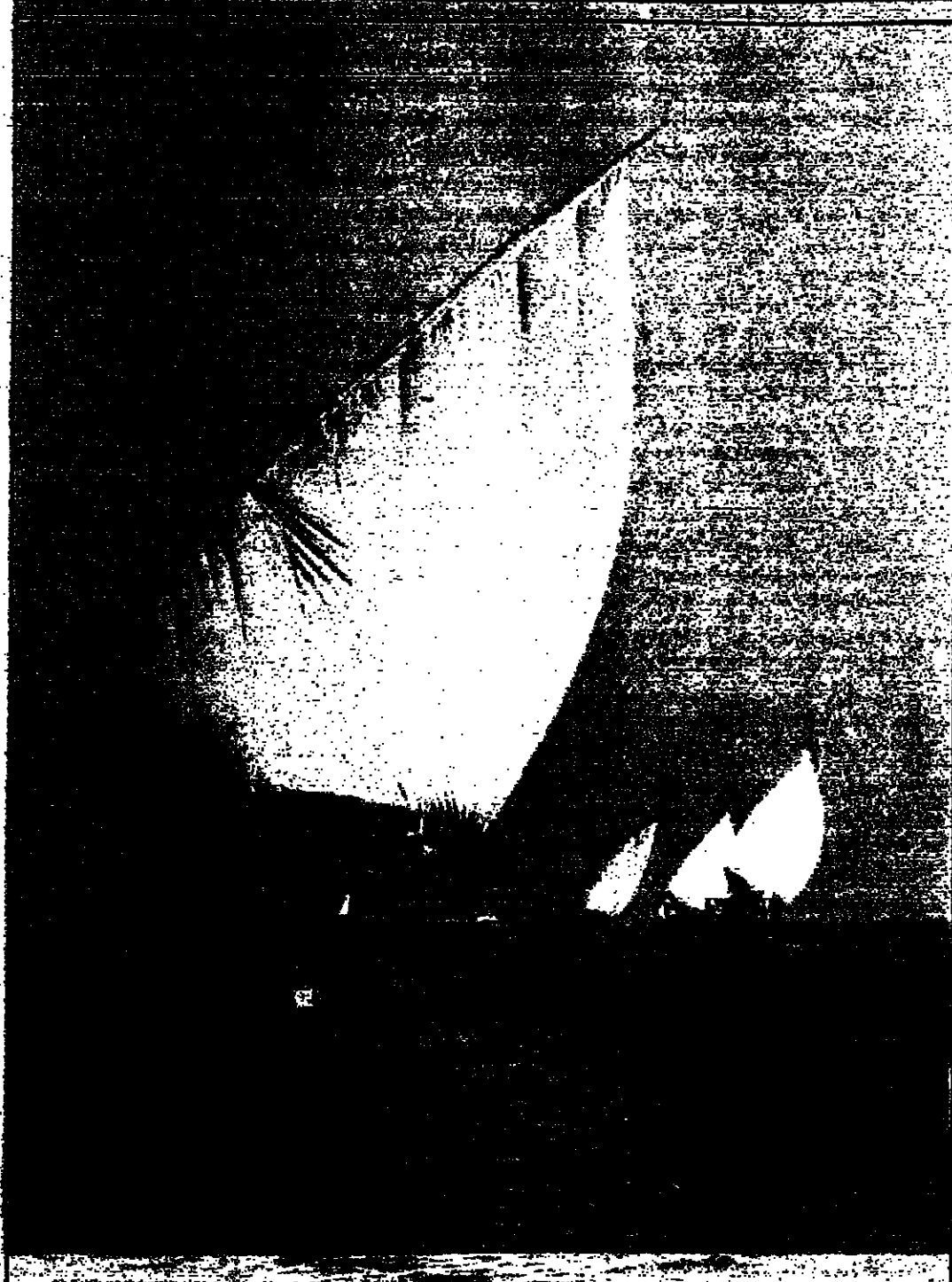
Kotterba, a respected sports journalist, wrote for the daily Berlin Zeitung and edited the weekly Der Leichtathlet (the athlete). Before leaving, he penned an editorial in Der Leichtathlet on the feelings of retiring athletes which served as his valedictory.

"Who can describe, weigh up and finally judge why one decides in the alphabet of life to start from 'A' again ... such a weighty step, such a decision matures over days, weeks, months and years. It has its reasons."

### Tribesmen flee

GAUHATI, India, Aug. 12, (AP). At least 60,000 tribespeople have fled their homeland in a remote hill area in northeastern India because of ethnic clashes that have left 50 people dead, witnesses said today.

The Bodo tribespeople, of Mongol origin, are campaigning for a separate homeland from the native Assamese on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra river in Assam.



Commemorating an age-old heritage

More than 120 Kuwaiti young men are taking part in the fourth Diving Festival. These young men, in 12 dhows, are commemorating the old heritage of their Kuwaiti forefathers.

The main objective of the pearl diving festival is to

preserve the important marine profession that prevailed in Kuwait society prior to the oil period and aims at preserving this profession from being forgotten as an art by future Kuwaiti generations.

(Photo by Ahmed Barouni) (See Page 19)

## ISI takes tit-for-tat action

# PPP MNA arrested

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 12, (KUNA). A National Assembly member of Pakistan Peoples Party has been arrested by the Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad (IJI) government in the Punjab in the continuing row between the two major rival parties of Pakistan.

Haji Mohammad Asghar Ghurki was arrested yesterday by Lahore police on a charge of sheltering two gold smugglers caught at the Indo-Pak border.

A senior police official in Lahore said that Asghar Ghurki who hails from the border district of Kasur would be handed over to the Kasur district police for further interrogation.

The police official said that the two smugglers arrested had told police that they were mere carriers of 50 kilograms of gold seized from them at the border and that the actual smuggler was Ghurki.

With Ghurki's arrest, each of the rival ruling parties have got hold of two members from the

opposite side. The PPP-led government in the North-West Frontier Province first arrested former provincial governor retired Lt Gen Fazle Haq on a murder charge. The IJI government in the Punjab then held deputy leader of PPP opposition in the Punjab Assembly Salman Taseer on charge of inciting people to violence.

The PPP government at the centre then detained pro-IJI editor of an evening in Islamabad, Zahid Malik, for writing an objectionable book on Pakistan's nuclear programme. Ghurki is the fourth in the continuing tit-for-tat arrests which are likely to continue in the current climate of confrontation.

In a sharp reaction to Ghurki's arrest, Information Secretary of Punjab PPP, Mohammad Sadiq, accused the Punjab Chief Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif of ordering the arrest on fake grounds.



Journalist held captive

A journalist is held captive by a masked kidnapper in the northwestern town Pruderie, in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil on August 10. Two journalists have offered themselves three days ago as hostages in exchange for a nine-year-old boy kidnapped a week ago. Kidnappers are threatening to blowup the vehicle with the hostages if police forces block their escape. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## Tambo suffers stroke, flown to UK for treatment

LONDON, Aug. 12, (AP). African National Congress President Oliver Tambo suffered a stroke in Zambia and was flown to London for treatment, sources in the organisation were quoted as saying today.

A spokesman for the British company Lonrho PLC said Tambo was flown to London on a company plane, but would not say which hospital was treating the 71-year-old black nationalist leader.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said sources in the African

National Congress said Tambo was stricken on Wednesday and flown to London on Friday for treatment at a private hospital.

They were quoted as saying he was absent from a Thursday summit of the presidents of Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Leaders of the ANC, the largest guerrilla organisation fighting the South African government, also were at the meeting.

The Lonrho spokesman said on condition of not being identified that the aircraft had

been in Lusaka for another reason and was used to help Tambo after a request "from African governments."

The spokesman said he did not know how long Tambo would be in Britain or whether the company would provide him with a flight back to Zambia.

Of the decision to use the Lonrho plane, he said: "There was no hesitation. It was a matter of some considerable concern that he should be got back to Britain as soon as possible. The plane was coming in this direction anyway."

# Syria vows to press Aoun; Council meets

## France launches peace initiative

BEIRUT, Aug. 12, (Agencies). As Christian and Syrian forces blasted each other killing 22 people and wounding 107, Lebanon's Muslim prime minister appealed directly to Arab leaders today "to stop this insane, merciless torture of Beirut and its population."

And France today launched an international peace initiative

to end the civil war in Lebanon. Syria vowed to step up fight against Aoun. Aside from a brief lull early today, the shelling was continuous from yesterday morning, bringing the toll since March 8 to 572 killed and 1,621 wounded, by police count.

According to his office, Selim Hoss made urgent telephone pleas for

## Cleric warns against strike

BEIRUT, Aug. 12, (Agencies). Lebanon's most influential Shiite Muslim fundamentalist cleric said today the issue of Western hostages will "move in the direction of a rational solution," but warned that any US military action will backfire.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah made his statement in an interview with the Muslim-run Radio Voice of the Nation, a day after he offered to help free Western hostages if Western countries helped release Arab prisoners in Israel.

Fadlallah is the spiritual guide of the Hezbollah, which is believed to be the umbrella for underground factions holding most of the 16 Western hostages in Lebanon.

Asked to comment on reports of a possible military action if terrorists killed another American hostage, Fadlallah said: "This will not achieve anything but will endanger the hostages for whom the war is waged, and will increase the possibilities of what America call terrorism."

"We believe that any American military action will backfire and may provoke revolutionary elements opposed to the American policy in the region."

"Therefore the issue will move in the direction of a rational solution that may take a long time, but it will not move at all in a military atmosphere, at least in America's interests."

He said gambast diplomacy "cannot possibly frighten anyone any more in Lebanon, where all forms of destruction have been exhausted ... and where it has become a daily ritual that dozens of people are killed."

The United States sent warships to the eastern Mediterranean and off Iran's coasts during the height of the current hostage crisis after Israel's abduction of a Hezbollah-affiliated cleric, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, from his home in south Lebanon on July 28.

Officials in Israel have said Obeid confessed under interrogation to helping plan attacks on Israel and the abduction Feb 17, 1988 of US Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins while he was on duty with United Nations peacekeeping forces in South Lebanon.

The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth, which held Higgins, claimed it hanged him July 31 because Israel refused to free Obeid.

Another group, the Revolutionary Justice Organisation, said it would kill American captive Joseph Cicippio if Obeid was not released.

But on Aug 6, the group offered to free Cicippio if Israel released Obeid and 450 Arab prisoners and allowed 55 Palestinian deportees

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A Lebanese man in Muslim west Beirut walks past a gutted car and a collapsed apartment block. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Exodus of expats

A total of 10,467 expatriates have permanently left the country in the last four months, according to statistics provided by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. However, 27,915 new work permits have been issued in the same period.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour have begun implementing the new stricter labour regulations since March 22 this year and subsequently only 4,916 transfers of residence have been allowed during the second quarter of the year as compared to 13,946 transfers in the first quarter.

A total of 1,985 residence permits were automatically cancelled for overstaying outside the country beyond the stipulated six-month period. (Full Report Page 6)

## Call for autonomy

# Azeris mass

BAKU, Soviet Union, Aug. 12, (Reuters). At least 70,000 people waving national flags and banners packed the central square of the capital of Soviet Azerbaijan today to demand greater autonomy and new parliamentary elections.

The demonstration in Baku's Lenin Square was organised by Azerbaijan's fledgling Popular Front movement which aims to promote economic and political autonomy from Moscow.

Four hours after the protest started people were flooding into the square, many waving red, green and white flags with a crescent and star — the flag of Azerbaijan's brief spell as an independent republic from 1918 to 1920.

Activists said their main demands were for an end to Moscow's direct administration of the disputed Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, more powers for the Azerbaijani Parliament and new elections to the Soviet Parliament.

Other speakers demanded an end to the prosecution of Azeri "patriots" — the term used by activists to describe many of those arrested for their part in anti-Armenian riots in the city of Sumgait in February last year when 32 people were killed by frenzied gangs of youths.

Yusif Samodoglu, editor of the journal Azerbaijan and a leader of the Popular Front, said the meeting would be followed by a four-hour protest strike by oil workers on Monday.

A state of emergency and curfew have been in force in Baku since last autumn when more ethnic turmoil broke out over the dispute with neighbouring Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh. About 100 people have been killed since the trouble started.

But police made no attempt to intervene in today's demonstration, the third of its kind in consecutive weeks. There was no sign of any troops on the streets. Speakers at the protest said parliamentary elections in the spring had been manipulated by Communist Party authorities and that the elected deputies did not represent the people.

Striking Russian workers in the Soviet Baltic Republic of Estonia pledged today to continue their protest action against a new local voting law.

intervention to Syrian President Hafez Assad, whose 40,000 peacekeeping troops ring Lebanon's Christian heartland north of Beirut, and to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. King Hassan of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

The latter three leaders form an Arab League mediation committee on Lebanon whose peace-making efforts have been frustrated by Syria's adamant refusal to consider a withdrawal of its Army from Beirut.

Hoss, who heads the Muslim cabinet vying for power with Aoun, said: "We're left in the blowing wind with no roof above us."

"The problem in Lebanon is that our wise people are not active and our active people are not wise," Hoss, backed by Syria, said in a statement broadcast by the Muslim Voice of the Nation radio.

His statement reflected the growing despair of the Lebanese over the failure of diplomatic efforts to bring about a ceasefire.

The Muslim-run Barbir Hospital near Beirut's dividing Green Line took several direct salvos that started a fire in the three top floors of the eight-storey hospital during today's lethal exchanges.

"We've managed to rescue all patients and remove them to the bunker, but we cannot receive any more casualties," said a doctor who answered telephone calls.

One salvo crashed into an empty room on the fourth floor of the Cavalier Hotel in Muslim West Beirut's Hamra commercial district, where several foreign newsmen and photographers are staying.

Tenants raced down on stairways to the underground shelters while photographers dashed out to take pictures," said Najib Khazzaka of the French news agency Agence France Presse.

Witnesses said Aoun's gunners, using US-designed 155-mm howitzers, scored direct hits on a dozen Syrian artillery emplacements and multi-barrelled rocket launchers.

The witnesses said Aoun's fire targeted Syrian emplacements in West Beirut, the southern slum of Bourj Al Barajneh, the south-eastern Aramoun hills, the mountain range east of the capital and the eastern Bekaa valley.

Shells and rockets rained on the confrontation areas at the rate of 60 per minute, security sources said.

"Luckily Beirut has been deserted. Otherwise the barrage would have killed hundreds," said one police source. All but 200,000 of Beirut's 1.5 million population have fled.

A source close to Aoun said the general expects the UN Security Council to meet on Lebanon in 24 hours.

"The general expects the Security Council to hold an emergency and extraordinary session on Lebanon in 24 hours to issue a call for an immediate ceasefire," said the source.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar summoned the five permanent members of the Security Council yesterday to discuss the deteriorating situation in Lebanon.

Syria vowed today to step up its fight against Aoun, saying his rule threatened the security of the Arab world.

"The conspiracy implemented by Aoun is clear. The Arab responsibility requires intensifying efforts to prevent its escalation because it does not only threaten Lebanon's security but that of the Arab world," said the Syrian official Tishreen daily.

President Francois Mitterrand of France ordered Foreign Minister Roland Dumas to send high-ranking emissaries to Damascus, Moscow, Washington and the United Nations to discuss the rising violence in Beirut.



## INTERNATIONAL

Kiszczak  
bid to  
break  
deadlock

WARSAW, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak called today for talks with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa to try to break the deadlock over his efforts to form a communist-led coalition government.

Kiszczak, who has sought without success to put together a government since he took office on Aug. 2, said in an interview with the official news agency PAP that he still wanted to form a "grand coalition."

Solidarity has refused to enter a communist-led government and wants to form a coalition with two small political parties traditionally allied to the communists. They have held talks with Solidarity but avoided full endorsement of the proposal.

Kiszczak, who faces spreading labour unrest in protest at food price rises last week of up to 500 per cent, said Poland could not afford prolonged political deadlock.

"I have not been able to have substantive talks with Lech Walesa since the Sejm (Parliament) appointed me chairman of the Council of Ministers (prime minister). I would like such talks to take place as soon as possible," he said.

Walesa was not immediately available for comment. Opposition sources said Kiszczak had privately contacted Walesa earlier this week to try to break the deadlock, but had made little progress.

Walesa pledged yesterday to continue to block Kiszczak. He says Kiszczak lacks popular trust because he was closely involved in the suppression of Solidarity under martial law in 1981.

Solidarity says its crushing victory over the communists in elections in June gave it the right to a major government role.

Kiszczak said he hoped to name a cabinet later this month. He said a "grand coalition" was the only way to lift Poland out of economic crisis.

"I am deeply convinced the formation of such a government would be the best solution, especially warranted by the economic situation and the challenges facing our country," he said.

Kiszczak urged all sides to stick to agreements reached at negotiations which led to the June elections and guaranteed the opposition a place in Parliament.

Solidarity accepted then that the communists and their allies would retain a dominant political role until completely free elections tentatively set for 1993. Its proposal for a coalition excluding the communists goes beyond this.

Walesa wants to form a government with the United Peasants' Party (UPP) and the Democratic Party, two small political parties that have long been obedient to the communists but are looking for a more independent role in an era of rapid reforms.

Kidnap  
standoff  
in Brazil

RIODEJANEIRO, Aug. 12. (AP): A tense standoff between police and four kidnappers armed with grenades and holding three hostages in an armoured car stretched into its fourth day on a remote highway in south-central Brazil, officials said today.

The kidnappers, identified as two married couples, set a 3 pm (1800 GMT) deadline today for their offer to swap the three hostages for food, a pilot and a getaway helicopter to fly them to Paraguay, police said.

"The trade will be made at that time without any tricks," police officer Nivaldo de Perondi, said in a telephone interview from Presidente Prudente.

"We don't want to do anything to provoke the kidnappers and put the hostages' lives at risk," De Perondi said. "We are dealing with professionals, but they are charged up and could do something irrational at any moment."

He said 100 well-armed police kept the armoured car surrounded. Sharpshooters pointed guns at the car's windows, which are five inches (12.7 centimetres) high and six inches (15.2 centimetres) wide.

The police surrounded the kidnappers yesterday after a three-day chase ended on a highway near Presidente Prudente.

## Women run high depression risk

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 12. (AP): Women run about twice the risk of men of becoming depressed, and it is misdiagnosed in them up to half the time, a new report says.

Cultural factors are a major reason for the higher incidence, and a tendency of doctors to interpret depressive symptoms as physical illness causes misdiagnosis, said Ellen McGrath, head of the group that drafted the report.

Findings of the American Psychological Association National Task Force on Women and Depression were discussed yesterday at the association's annual meeting.

The task force examined several studies, which have consistently found that women run twice the risk of depression as men, McGrath said.

The "average" woman runs about a 25 per

cent chance of major depression, and the risk jumps to 51 per cent for female doctors and 37 per cent for female psychologists, McGrath said.

One reason for the high rates is biology, since women run about a 50 per cent chance of mild mood disturbances before menstruation and a 50 per cent to 80 per cent of mild depression after giving birth, she said.

Women who take birth control pills also run a heightened risk of depression, she said.

Another reason is what McGrath called a surprisingly high incidence of violence against women. Research suggests 37 per cent of women have experienced sexual or physical abuse before age 21, and some estimates run higher than 50 per cent, she said.

Such abuse can lead to prolonged depres-

sion in adult women, she said.

Women are taught to be passive and dependent, contributing to their depression risk, she said.

Calling poverty a "pathway to depression," she said 75 per cent of the poor in the United States are women and children.

Some 71 per cent of women have had a significant instance of sexual harassment on the job, she said.

Several studies suggest a misdiagnosis rate of 30 per cent to 50 per cent in women, she said.

The problem appears because depressed women often seek help by telling obstetricians, family doctors or internal medicine specialists that they feel poorly or are tired, McGrath said.

India accused of  
Lanka genocide

Premadasa pondering next move

COLOMBO, Aug. 12. (Agencies): Tamil villagers accused Indian troops of unleashing a three-day reign of terror on a Sri Lankan fishing village, killing at least 50 men, women, and children after six soldiers died in a guerrilla ambush.

An Indian spokesman dismissed the charge as propaganda. Residents arriving in Colombo said the Indians attacked Valvettiturai, at the northern tip of the Jaffna peninsula, on Aug. 2 after an ambush by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

A Tamil Tigers statement, accusing India of genocide, said troops went on the rampage in Valvettiturai, killing 70 people and wounding more than 100. It said they also set fire to houses, shops and fishing boats, forcing thousands of people to flee to neighbouring villages and refugee camps.

"This is typical of several incidents in which our people are systematically wiped out in the guise of peace-keeping," the statement said.

An earlier Tigers statement, reported on Aug. 5 and appearing to relate to the same incident, said 25 civilians had been killed.

The Valvettiturai citizens' committee said in a letter to President Ranasinghe Premadasa more than 50 dead bodies were lying in the village after troops unleashed a "reign of terror" for three days from Aug. 2.

The committee of prominent villagers said the killings were "cold-blooded and gruesome murders committed by Indian soldiers by firing at men, women and children at point-blank range in their houses and other places."

An Indian high commission spokesman said the Tigers ambushed the troops at a busy market place and some people got caught in the crossfire.

"The LTTE provoked the action in the bustling market place. The whole blame is on them," he said.

Tamil Tigers killed seven Indian soldiers in an attack on an Army convoy in Sri Lanka's Northern Province today, the rebels said.

A rebel political organiser known as Captain Dinesh was also killed and several Indian soldiers were wounded in the confrontation at Mullaitivu, the Tigers said in a statement.

There was no immediate comment from Indian officials.

Officials said today Premadasa was considering the next move over his demand for withdrawal of more than 40,000 Indian troops remaining on the island.

Premadasa has extended until mid-September the July 29 deadline he set for complete removal of the Indian force.

India says troops will be brought home by February if Sri Lanka agrees to devolve more power to the Tamil-dominated northeast and ensures security for the Tamils there.

Officials said Premadasa was studying views expressed by the opposition during a two-day parliamentary debate this week on India's stand on the troop withdrawal.

Indian and Sri Lankan officials met today to assess Premadasa's headline position on the presence of Indian forces.

A cabinet minister said Premadasa declared during a marathon cabinet meeting late yesterday his total unwillingness to concede on his call for New Delhi to swiftly withdraw its forces.

"Now that he has taken this stance, I won't be surprised if we hit the rocks again" in relations with India, another official said.

The second official reported Indian diplomats and Foreign Ministry officials were meeting to discuss the implications of Premadasa's stance.



Home study

Children in Sri Lanka studying at home following the closure of schools for more than two months because of widespread violence. (Reuters wirephoto)

Death for Male  
coup leader

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Aug. 12. (AP): The high court in the Maldives today sentenced a Sri Lanka-based Maldivian businessman to death for leading last year's failed coup in the Indian Ocean archipelago, the government said.

Abdullah Luthuffi and 15 other people — three Maldivians and 12 Sri Lankans — were given death sentences for their roles in the Nov. 3 coup attempt, officials said. The court sentenced 59 others, mostly Sri Lankans, to prison terms ranging from nine to 38 years.

The condemned men will be hanged, said Ahmed Saleem, deputy director of the Maldives Information and Broadcasting Department. Saleem was contacted by telephone from Colombo.

Chief Justice Moosa Fathy, heading a three-judge panel, read the sentences at a public hearing after nearly two months of trial.

No dates were set for the execution.

The coup attempt was crushed by Indian paratroopers after President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom called for help. At least

17 people, mostly local residents, were killed in the fighting.

The Maldivian government has said the convicted Sri Lankans were Tamil mercenaries who belonged to the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, one of several guerrilla groups that had participated in the Tamil separatist war against Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority on Sri Lanka.

In a statement this week, the Sri Lankan rebel group warned the Maldivian government of "serious consequences" if its cadres were not released.

The court has asked all the convicted men to pay a total of \$14 million as compensation for deaths, injuries and property damage, the government statement said.

There is no higher court of appeal in Maldives, a string of coral islands in the Indian Ocean. Only President Gayoom, the target of last year's coup attempt, can commute the sentences. The last death sentence in the Maldives was carried out in 1951 by a firing squad.

Bomb  
blast  
heralds  
parade

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland, Aug. 12. (AP): A large bomb exploded today as thousands of Protestants gathered in this city for a parade marking the end of a Roman Catholic siege 300 years ago.

No one was injured and no one claimed responsibility for the downtown bombing, police said.

The bomb exploded and "extensively damaged" a bar on butcher street despite stepped-up security throughout the province of Northern Ireland. Extra police and soldiers had been brought into the area for today's apprentice boys' parade and a march planned tomorrow in Belfast by supporters of the predominantly Catholic Irish Republican Army.

Police said they discovered the bomb and evacuated the area, but it exploded shortly after 9 am (0800 GMT) before they could disarm it.

The bar was off the parade route on the fringe of a Catholic neighbourhood where extra police were to be stationed for the parade, according to authorities who spoke on condition of anonymity.

An estimated 15,000 Protestants were expected to turn out for the parade that marks the day in August 1690 when Protestant forces finally broke through the forces of Catholic King James II to end the 105-day siege of Londonderry.

The Apprentice Boys' parade is named after the 13 apprentice boys who shut the city gates against James' Army, beginning the siege and protecting the city from invasion.

But on Aug. 12, 1969, the anniversary parade sparked sectarian fighting that led to the dispatch of British troops to the province two days later, and heralded the start of the warfare that has torn the province for 20 years.

Tomorrow, Irish Republican Army supporters plan a parade in Belfast marking the 18th anniversary of Britain's now-abandoned policy of detaining suspected terrorists without trial and the 20th anniversary of the arrival of British troops in Northern Ireland.

The British government introduced internment without trial in Northern Ireland on Aug. 9, 1971, and ended the policy in December 1975 following worldwide condemnation of the practice. Almost 2,000 people had been held for varying lengths of time without trial.

IRA supporters, who were the main targets of internment, continue to mark the anniversary of its introduction each year with street demonstrations.

Tension this year has been heightened by the death of a 15-year-old Catholic, Seamus Duffy.

British news reports said he died Wednesday after Belfast police shot him with a plastic bullet as they were being attacked during anti-internment rioting.

But his friends and family deny he was involved in the rioting. They say he was simply walking home after watching bonfires.

About 1,000 mourners attended the boy's funeral in Belfast yesterday. The funeral passed peacefully, but Catholic youths in north Belfast where he lived hijacked several vehicles and set them on fire last night, police said.



Lawrence Delisle, 28, appears weary and subdued in Wyandotte's 27th District Court Aug. 11 as he listens to the charges against him. (Reuters wirephoto)

Father killed  
kids: police

4 children drown

WYANDOTTE, Michigan, Aug. 12. (AP): A man confessed he drove the family car into the Detroit River, drowning his four children, to get "rid of his present burden," a detective has testified at a court hearing.

A community memorial service was scheduled today at St. Alfred's Roman Catholic Church in nearby Taylor for the four children: Brian, 8; Melissa, 4; Kadie, 2 and Emily, 10 months.

Lawrence Delisle, a 28-year-old tyre store manager, was ordered held without bond yesterday on four counts of first-degree murder and one of attempted murder in the deaths of his children on Aug. 3.

Delisle and his wife, Suzanne, 32, residents of the nearby Detroit suburb of Lincoln Park, escaped from the sinking station wagon in which Delisle's father committed suicide 18 months earlier.

The suspect first said a leg cramp caused him to jam the accelerator pedal, powering the car through a barricade and into the river. But on Thursday, he admitted the crash was deliberate, said Detective Sgt. Daniel Galeski.

Galeski testified that Delisle told him he drove into the river "with the intent of getting rid of his present burden, with the intent of getting rid of his wife and children."

When the detective finished testifying, Delisle briefly exchanged smiles with him.

Delisle remained silent during the 10-minute hearing. Twenty-seventh District Judge Lawrence Emmert ordered him held without bond until another court appearance next Thursday.

First-degree murder carries an automatic sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole. Attempted murder has a maximum sentence of life in prison.

After the hearing, Delisle's uncle, William Delisle, said he believes his nephew is innocent.

The uncle said he spoke with his nephew just before yesterday's arraignment and the younger man repeated his claim the crash was accidental.

He told me he did not do this thing on purpose," the uncle said. "He did not want to kill his wife. He did not want to kill his babies. I stand by what he said."

"I looked in the boy's eyes. He couldn't have done it."

## Security tightened

DHAKA, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Bangladesh police said today they were stepping up security after an attack on the home of a prominent opposition leader.

Extra guards will protect Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, who said an armed band fired shots, threw hand grenades and exploded home-made bombs outside her home on Thursday. No one was hurt but shots left holes in the walls.

Hasina and other League leaders blamed the attack on the Freedom Party, a new right-wing political group headed by retired Colonel Syed Faruk Rahman.

Rahman led a bloody coup in 1975 against Hasina's father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the country's first president. Sheikh Mujib and several of his family were killed.

A constitutional amendment later gave Rahman and other military officers involved immunity from prosecution.

Rahman dismissed allegations of his party's involvement in the latest attack as "all propaganda."

"We had a mission to do back in 1975. We don't have any such thing now," he told newsmen.

Cabinet  
backs  
Klerk  
in 'row'

PRETORIA, Aug. 12. (Reuters): South Africa's senior cabinet ministers closed ranks today behind presidential spokesman F.W. de Klerk, who was locked in an unprecedented public argument with outgoing head of state P.W. Botha.

After a three-and-a-half-hour meeting, de Klerk emerged from his official residence to say that the cabinet had agreed on how to defuse the row brewing over his plans to meet Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, an arch-foe of apartheid.

The meeting was unanimous on how the situation should be handled, de Klerk told reporters waiting outside his residence in Pretoria's exclusive Brooklyn suburb.

But he refused to give details of what the cabinet would do to head off the showdown between the ruling National Party's top two politicians only three weeks before a crucial general election.

"The National Party does not in the least underestimate the seriousness of the situation," said de Klerk, who was flanked on the steps of his home by several cabinet colleagues.

The cabinet members, looking appreciably more relaxed than when they arrived for the hastily convened talks, refused to make any further comment.

The row erupted on Friday when Foreign Minister P. W. Botha announced that the President had authorised a meeting on August 28 in Livingstonia, Zambia, between de Klerk and Kaunda.

P.W. Botha, who retired after the Sept. 6 racially segregated poll, contradicted his foreign minister shortly afterwards, saying he had not given de Klerk the necessary permission to travel overseas on official business.

The ensuing rumpus brought P. W. Botha close to resignation, newspapers said, although the veteran foreign minister denied today that the President had asked him to quit.

Referring to the dispute, in which the NP faces a growing challenge from the ultra-right Conservative Party and the anti-apartheid Democratic Party, de Klerk called on his party followers for their continued support.

"I call upon the voters not to allow themselves to be led astray," he said.

President Botha has called a cabinet meeting on Monday in Cape Town to discuss the crisis, but party sources said it would be difficult for the 73-year-old head of state to rally support against de Klerk, if he should now wish to do so.

A spokesman for P. W. Botha said earlier today the meeting between Kaunda and de Klerk was still scheduled to go ahead despite the public controversy.

Political analysts said the President was making a public fuss about the meeting because his likely successor seemed about to achieve his own dream of setting up a summit of southern African leaders.

Kaunda has said he would press de Klerk at the meeting about his plans for apartheid reform.

South African police said today they had arrested 20 youths in the latest political violence to sweep the country ahead of next month's nationally segregated general elections.

A daily statement on political unrest said 16 youths were arrested in a township outside Bethlehem in the Orange Free state after stones were thrown at police.

In townships around Cape Town, buses and delivery vehicles were set alight and several cars badly damaged in a rash of demonstrations by stone-throwing youths.

A black man was arrested at a police barricade in the coloured (mixed-race) township of Mitchell's Plain, while three other youths were detained on criminal charges, the statement added.

In Natal province, police said a black man was killed and a woman seriously injured when a mob attacked and set alight a private home.

More than 1,200 people have died in two years of bloody fighting in Natal between the conservative Inkatha movement and the more radical United Democratic Front. Both oppose apartheid but are at odds on how to end it.

Police recorded 10 cases of political unrest over the past 24 hours in different parts of the country, a sharp rise compared with recent months.

Egypt has called for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa in order to avoid violence and bloodshed due to apartheid.

## Search for US legislator intensifies

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 12. (Agencies): Bad weather hampered a search today for US congressman Mickey Leland and 15 other people missing since their plane vanished on Monday in western Ethiopia.

A spokesman for Ethiopia's civil aviation department told Reuters police and members of the public had intensified the search around the western towns of Dembi-Dolo and Gambela, where residents had reported seeing an aircraft earlier this week.

Four helicopters and two planes were sent to the area today but returned because of rain and storms, he said.

The search involves 11 Ethiopian and six US aircraft.

The twin Otter carrying Leland, who was accompanied by eight other Americans and seven Ethiopians, disappeared as it flew from Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa to Fumido, on the Ethiopia-Sudan border.

The 44-year-old congressman, chairman of the House of

Representatives' select committee on hunger, was going to inspect a camp housing more than 30,000 Sudanese refugees who receive US aid.

The Ethiopian spokesman quoted residents of Dembi-Dolo and Gambela as saying they had seen an aircraft apparently trying to land some 70 km (40 miles) away from Fumido.

A Pentagon statement said Air Force Major-General James Record, director of operations at the US Central Command, was

leaving for Ethiopia today to take charge of the growing US effort.

The despatch of more men and aircraft was announced after aides to Leland criticised the Pentagon's search for the Texas congressman, calling the effort and poorly planned and urging President George Bush to get involved.

Four US helicopters today joined the massive international air search for the relief plane missing since Monday.

The US Air Force Blackhawk lifted off two hours after dawn from the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa as the search for the missing airplane entered its fifth day. US embassy spokesman Jim Haley said.

Meanwhile, another four-engine C-130 headed to the Dembi-Dolo region, about 260 miles (420 km) west of the capital, where officials believe Leland's plane may have tried to land in stormy weather on Monday.



Spokeswoman Alma Newsom leaves after discussing the issue of Leland with President Bush.



INTERNATIONAL

PEOPLE AND PLACES

**BRIT, Iowa:** Midwest John, Ohio Ned, Steam Train Merry Graham and other vagabonds hitchhiked or hopped freight trains for Brit this weekend to spend their birthdays at the Midwest Hobo Convention.

"It's a homecoming of sorts. We're a vanishing breed. There's no young guys out here anymore," said 36-year-old John Becker of Sterling, Illinois, known as Midwest John.

About 40 drifters from across the nation were on hand for the event, which included funerals for two hobos buried in the town cemetery. (AP)

**LOS ANGELES:** US broadcast personality Art Linkletter is expected to get out of the hospital next week after treatment for high blood pressure, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

Linkletter, 77, entered the hospital at the University of California, Los Angeles on Wednesday night, complaining of chest pains. He was resting comfortably and in good condition in the cardiac care unit, hospital spokesman Rich Elbaum said.

"He did not suffer a heart attack, and he is now being treated for high blood pressure," hospital spokesman Rich Elbaum said. "He is expected to leave the hospital sometime next week." (AP)

**SANTA ANA, Calif.:** A jury recommended yesterday that Randy Kraft, described by prosecutors as perhaps the worst serial killer in US history, die in the gas chamber for the murders of 16 young men between 1972 and 1983.

Kraft, 44, a soft-spoken computer consultant who allegedly kept a "scorebook" of his victims, showed no emotions as the jury's recommendation was read out.

Kraft was convicted in May of the murders of 16 young men who he typically drugged before strangling and sexually mutilating. Their bodies were usually dumped along freeways.

During the two-month penalty phase of the trial, prosecutors introduced evidence linking the Long Beach, California, resident to eight other murders in Oregon and Michigan that he allegedly committed while on business trips. (Reuters)

**VERONA, Italy:** The famous balcony where Juliet stood calling out for Romeo was declared unsafe yesterday and closed to the public.

Council officials in the northern Italian city of Verona said inspectors had found serious damage to the stonework and ordered the tiny 13th century balcony closed for repairs.

Hundreds of tourists visit Juliet's house each day to step out and be photographed on the balcony, where English dramatist William Shakespeare envisaged her calling to her lover: "O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?"

Shakespeare's tragedy immortalised Romeo and Juliet, young lovers from rival families in 14th century Verona who married in secret and committed suicide.

The officials said the inspection was ordered after small pieces of stone began crumbling away about a month ago. (Reuters)

**ELMIRA, New York:** One hundred years after Mark Twain published "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," the author's voice sounds as fresh as when Twain wrote the novel, a literary scholar says.

"He anticipated so much how we talk now that we're right at home," said Victor Fischer, associate editor of the Mark Twain Project at the University of California at Berkeley's Bancroft Library. "When you find the familiar things from his sayings and his expressions that have entered into the language, you realise how much he's pervaded the way we talk."

About 150 scholars and Twain experts from around the world met Thursday through today at Elmira College to mark the centennial of the publication of "A Connecticut Yankee" and to celebrate one of the most enduring writers in the United States.

Twain wrote some of "A Connecticut Yankee" in Elmira and is buried a little more than a mile (1.6 kilometres) away from the Elmira College campus. (AP)

**REGGIO Calabria, Italy:** Calabrian bandits released an aged lawyer they had held for six months after his family paid a ransom equivalent to \$360,000 police said yesterday.

The liberation left four prisoners in the hands of the so-called anonymous kidnapping organisation of Ndrangheta bandits based in the rugged Aspromonte range of Calabria, in the south.

Nicola Campisi, 69, suffering from pleuritis in one leg from the chafes that bedeviled him since his abduction Feb 17, was set free on a remote country road around 1 am officials said.

His son Giuseppe Campisi, said he paid his father's captors the ransom of 500 million lire they had agreed upon in negotiations that ended their final phase this month.

The younger Campisi was grazed by a bullet when a bandit's gun went off by accident during payment of the ransom on a mountain road above San Luca, a Ndrangheta stronghold. (UPI)

**LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico:** Bacteria could offer an inexpensive method of cleaning up explosives storage sites, say researchers who already have found a naturally occurring organism that can break down nitroglycerine.

Pat Unkefer of Los Alamos National Laboratory and her husband, Cliff, both biochemists, found a bacteria that breaks down nitroglycerine into water and carbon dioxide. The Unkefers and technologist John Hansen say it will be more cost-effective to find microbes capable of degrading TNT and other explosives that are more complex than nitroglycerine.

They say bacteria applied to explosives-tainted soil could degrade the toxic substances into harmless residue in as little as six months. They claim traditional methods of disposing of explosives — hauling them off and burning or burying them — are 10 to 100 times more expensive. (AP)



Directly to jail

Robert John Bardo, accused of killing American actress Rebecca Shafer, is shown as he arrives at Los Angeles police headquarters after his extradition from Arizona. Police say Bardo was obsessed with the actress. (Reuters wirephoto)

**COPENHAGEN:** Two women and a man were charged in Denmark yesterday with taking part in a plan to kidnap the son of Swedish businessman and demand a \$25 million ransom.

The three, whose names and nationalities were not disclosed, pleaded not guilty to planning to kidnap Joern Rasmussen, son of Gerd A. Rasmussen, former owner of the Tetrapak Packaging Company.

The court heard that Joern Rasmussen lived in Lund, southern Sweden, while his father lived in London. It was not clear when or where the kidnapping was to have been carried out.

Police linked the three to 11 people charged in April with a series of large-scale robberies in the Copenhagen area over the last decade and with the kidnapping of a bank director in 1980. (Reuters)

**MOSCOW:** French art gallery owner Gerig Besancon, who helped organise relief aid for victims of the Armenian earthquake, has disappeared while on a visit to the Soviet Union, a state-run magazine reports.

This week's edition of New Times says Besancon's Soviet visa expired July 31, but that he did not show up that day to take a Paris-bound flight from Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport.

New Times made an unusual appeal to readers, asking any of them with information about the missing Frenchman's location to telephone a special number in Moscow, 209-9904.

Soviet police and KGB security officials are searching for Besancon, the newspaper Trud said. (AP)

**WOUNDED KNEE, South Dakota:** A summer thunderstorm rolled across the South Dakota prairie yesterday as the remains of Seminole Indians were reburied near the site where Sioux Indians were killed by soldiers almost a century ago.

About 1,200 pounds (544 kilograms) of prehistoric remains of members of the Seminole tribe were returned to the earth after being stored in boxes at the University of South Dakota for the past three years.

A traditional ceremony was held last evening less than a mile (kilometre) from the cemetery where Sioux Indians were buried following the slaying of more than 200 Sioux on Dec 29, 1890, by soldiers of the US Army's 7th Cavalry. (AP)

**SEATTLE:** Two abortion protesters and a man who insisted God told him to set fire to an abortion clinic conspired to violate federal racketeering laws, a federal court jury ruled yesterday in a civil lawsuit.

Curtis Beasda, already serving 20 years in a Texas federal prison for setting fire to the feminist women's health centre in Everett, Washington, also violated the racketeering statute by committing acts of arson and extortion aimed at the abortion clinic, the jury concluded.

The Everett Clinic was burned three times between December 1983 and April 1984, then closed its doors. Beasda earlier told the jury he had no intention of setting any fire until he heard God tell him to do it. (AP)

**LOS ANGELES:** The 13th day of jury deliberations in the "Night Stalker" trial was interrupted yesterday when the judge dismissed a juror for sleeping and ordered the panel to start all over again.

An alternate juror was chosen to replace the sleeping juror in the complex case involving 13 murders and 50 felonies committed during the summer of 1985. Jurors heard testimony for six months after a jury selection process that took a half-year.

Richard Ramirez, a 29-year-old drifter from El Paso, Texas, is accused of being the devil-worshipping "Night Stalker" who raped, murdered and robbed victims in a rampage that terrified southern California. (AP)

**DAVIS, California:** When a bug starts to eat a tomato, it seems the fruit tries to counterattack by releasing chemicals to stunt the insect's growth.

Although the mechanism fails because the chemicals counteract each other, the discovery holds promise for biological alternatives to insecticides, said Sean S. Duffey, an entomologist at the University of California, Davis. Plants might be genetically engineered to give them defences against bugs, he said.

Duffey and his colleagues studied larvae of the tomato fruitworm and beet armyworm. Some of the worms were raised on artificial diets, while others were raised on tomato plants. Duffey measured the growth of the worms and monitored the chemical properties of the worms and the tomato plants. (AP)

# Voyager finds 2 partial rings around Neptune

## US scientists thrilled by space probe's latest discovery

PASADENA, California, Aug 12 (Agencies): Two drifting clouds of debris, possibly the torn remnants of destroyed moons, were discovered yesterday around distant Neptune by NASA's Voyager 2 probe, confirming predictions based on scanty Earth-based observations, scientists said.

"There is a mood of total elation here," said astronomer Rich Terrile, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "We're really just ecstatic. ... Everything we've hoped to look at we're going to get to see."

Launched nearly 12 years ago from the Cape Canaveral, Florida, Air Force Station, Voyager 2 is less than two weeks away from its final planetary encounter in a once-in-a-lifetime grand tour of the outer solar system that has carried the craft past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and a host of moons.

All three of those planets have well-developed ring systems, and prior to Voyager 2's arrival in Neptune's neighbourhood, there was controversial Earth-based evidence for the existence of partial rings, or "ring arcs," around the eighth planet from the sun.

Researchers also don't know if the two partial rings found by Voyager are among the three to six ring arcs that scientists previously believed they detected from Earth. But "it would be surprising if they weren't," said University of Arizona Planetary Scientist Brad Smith, who heads the team analyzing photographs taken by the spacecraft.

Voyager 2 already has discovered four previously unknown moons and a gargantuan storm system in Neptune's atmosphere, but the discovery of the two ring arcs yesterday marked a major pre-encounter milestone.

The arcs were discovered in pictures radioed back from Voyager late Thursday that arrived at the Jet

Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena around 1 am yesterday.

"We're certainly excited," assistant Voyager project scientist Ellis Miner said in an interview. "You can actually see a curved arc across the picture and it describes something like an eighth of a complete circle."

"It doesn't look much like what we predicted. We had predicted very short arcs and possibly several of them along any given radius of the planet."

Both newly discovered ring arcs appear to be associated with two four new moons that were discovered by Voyager 2 earlier this summer. Neptune already had two known moons, Triton and Nereid.

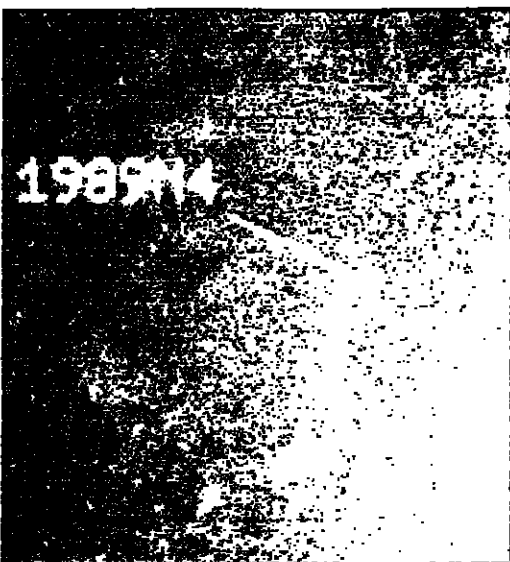
One arc stretched 30,000 miles (48,000 km) and circles Neptune just outside the orbit of a moon temporarily dubbed 1989 N4, which orbits about 23,300 miles (37,500 km) above Neptune's cloud tops.

The second arc stretches some 6,000 miles (9,600 km) and appears to trail the moon 1989 N3 by about 90 degrees, or 30,000 miles (48,000 km). 1989 N3 orbits Neptune at an altitude of about 17,000 miles (27,000 km).

Miner said it was not clear whether the moons were "shepherding" the ring arcs along as the case with rings around Uranus and — Saturn, or if their gravity merely serves to collect dust and debris in their wake.

"It's a little hard to tell right now whether they're actually shepherding or whether they are collecting debris around them," he said. "The analysis remains to be done to see how close they are to the orbits of these moons."

Miner said it was too soon to say what might have created the ring arcs, although it is probable they are made up of debris from "moons that have been



One of two new partial rings around Neptune is faintly visible just outside the orbit of the Neptunian moon 1989 N4. (Reuters wirephoto)

broken up and we're seeing debris trails."

Scientists don't know if the ring arcs are made up of dust, pebbles or boulders, or if the debris consists primarily of rock or ice, said Smith.

The arcs were discovered in 8-minute exposures by Voyager 2's camera system.

Prior to the Voyager encounter, the best way to find such dim swaths of dust and debris was to carefully watch what happens when a planet moves in front of a star as viewed from Earth. If rings are present, the light from the star will appear to twinkle

on and off as it filters through the material of the rings.

The light will then go out as the planet moves directly in front of the star — called an "occultation" — and the procedure will be repeated after the star appears on the other side. At least, that is how it worked for the discovery of the rings around Uranus.

Over the past nine years, astronomers have studied 110 occultations of stars by Neptune. In eight cases, the starlight dimmed, but only on one side of the planet. It did not dim on both sides as one would expect if Neptune was circled by a complete ring system.

The best pre-encounter data indicated at least three regions where narrow ring arcs might exist at a distance of 10,500 miles (16,900 km) to 26,100 miles (42,000 km) from the planet's cloudtops.

The Voyager 2 discovery announced yesterday confirmed the existence of at least two such arcs and as the spacecraft gets closer, it should discover more, scientists believe.

Voyager project scientist Edward Stone has said Voyager may discover 50 to 100 partial rings orbiting Neptune.

"Astronomers have long suspected the existence of... an irregular ring system around Neptune," NASA said. "Voyager's photographs of the rings arcs are the first photographic evidence that such a ring system exists."

The three to six previously suspected ring arcs were detected by telescopes on Earth as Neptune passed in front of a distant star.

Saturn's extensive rings are made up mostly of marble-sized ice pebbles, while Uranus' rings contain dark boulders of unknown composition, Smith said.

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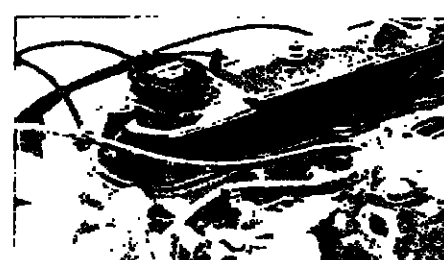
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Iceberg breaks

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (UPI): The world's longest iceberg has broken in two after colliding with the Antarctic coastline near Cape Adare. US scientists announced yesterday.

The Navy-National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Joint Ice Centre in Suitland, Maryland, just outside Washington, said the iceberg known as B-9 broke into two roughly equal parts last week sometime between Wednesday and yesterday.

The two resulting giant icebergs, now called B-9A and B-9B, pose no threat to shipping, officials said.

### Faulty system

NEWARK, New Jersey, Aug 12, (AP): A Braniff Airways flight from New York to Florida made a safe emergency landing at Newark International Airport yesterday after a warning light indicated a hydraulics problem, officials said.

"We had nothing but a faulty warning system," said Braniff spokesman Don McGuire in Orlando, Florida.

He said the incident drew exaggerated attention after an airport spokesman reported that the Boeing 727's primary hydraulic system failed and that the plane landed using a secondary system. McGuire said it was the warning light, not the system itself, that had failed.

### Andreotti calls in

ROME, Aug 12, (Reuters): New Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti has called in the secret service to help fight the Mafia, saying the scourge of organised crime must be defeated.

He told a meeting of ministers and secret service and police chiefs that 428 people had been murdered in the first six months of this year in Sicily, Campania and Calabria, the three regions of southern Italy worst hit by the Mafia.

"These are symptoms so serious that they cannot be accepted... this is not the framework which will encourage new investment and employment opportunities in southern Italy," officials quoted Andreotti as saying during Wednesday's meeting.

### Test flight

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (UPI): The second test flight of the controversial B-2 Stealth bomber could take place as early as today at Edwards Air Force Base in California, the Air Force announced yesterday.

"The exact date of the flight will not be pre-announced, but is presently scheduled to take place within a five-day timeframe beginning today," the Air Force said.

The radar-evading bomber — at \$530 million a copy the most expensive warplane ever built — successfully completed its maiden flight July 17.

### Refused

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (AP): William C. Lucas, whose nomination to be the nation's top civil rights enforcer was rebuffed by lawmakers yesterday, was given another job by President George Bush that does not require US Senate confirmation.

The appointment of Lucas as director of the US Justice Department's office of liaison services eliminates a potential confrontation between Bush to head the Justice Department as assistant attorney-general for civil rights.

### Art smuggled

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug 12, (AP): Bolivian authorities say a former airline manager smuggled more than 100 works of art out of the country.

Education and Culture Minister Mariano Baptista, in a letter to the West German embassy, said he had evidence that Hans J. Liedtke, former manager in Bolivia of the West German airline Lufthansa, used his position to smuggle out paintings and other works of art.

Bolivia asked the West German government and UNESCO for help in securing the return of the pieces.

### Terrorists attack

GUATEMALA CITY, Aug 12, (AP): Terrorists killed one bus passenger and injured eight others in one of three attacks around Guatemala city, authorities said yesterday.

The attacks came during a 10-week-old strike by teachers demanding higher wages. The strike has been marked by grenade attacks and protests against the government, which says it cannot afford to raise teacher salaries.

Police said they have not identified the attackers, who threw a grenade at a passenger bus in the El Limon suburb, killing an unidentified passenger. Rescue workers say they took eight injured passengers to a hospital.

### Amnesty granted

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug 12, (AP): Chile's Supreme Court yesterday upheld a lower court ruling granting amnesty to 40 members of the military and two civilians who had been indicted in the disappearance of 10 members of the outlawed Communist Party.

The unanimous ruling by the highest court in the land cannot be appealed.

The court ruled that the 40 military men, including a security agent who was killed two months ago by suspected leftist guerrillas, were covered by a controversial amnesty law issued in 1978 by the military government.

### First meeting

LONDON, Aug 12, (KUNA): Britain and Argentina are expected to hold their first direct meeting for almost five years in New York next week, possibly on Wednesday or Thursday.

Britain's Ambassador to the UN, Sir Crispin Tickell, is due to meet his Argentine opposite number for "talks about talks," according to British officials today.

The purpose is to prepare the way for a meeting between Britain's new Foreign Secretary, John Major, and his Argentine counterpart, Domingo Cavallo, at the UN in September.



Noriega celebrates

Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega speaks during the celebration of his sixth anniversary as Panama's Army chief Aug 11. Noriega said Panama cannot have a president subservient to the United States. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Noriega won't budge

### Troops detain US soldiers

PANAMA CITY, Aug 11, (Agencies): Panamanian troops briefly detained US soldiers in the latest confrontation between the two military forces, and Gen. Manuel Noriega has reiterated his intentions to remain in power.

Today, Noriega marked six years as head of the Panamanian defence forces and the nation's de facto ruler.

He said yesterday that a referendum proposed by the opposition for Aug 20 on whether he should resign was tantamount to turning Panama into "a colony that accepts arrogance, vassalage and indignity."

Noriega, effectively ruling out an opposition government, said yesterday that Panama could not have a president subservient to the United States or any other foreign power.

"I am not, and could never be, commander of a president who represents the oligarchy which enslaves the Panamanian people. You will never find me in that situation," Noriega said in a defiant speech to some 20,000 cheering supporters.

He was clearly referring to the opposition, which says it won annulled elections last May that were widely viewed as a plebiscite on Noriega's de facto rule. Government supporters say the opposition represents the interests of the upper classes.

He spoke during a parade of thousands of troops and paramilitary civilian units that ended a 10-day exercise called "Zap the Intruder."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said in Washington yesterday that US President George Bush's administration "would not rule out" seizing Noriega and taking him to Florida to face US drug trafficking charges. But Fitzwater said Bush was not contemplating such a move at this time.

The latest confrontation between Panamanian and US troops occurred in a remote area known as Gurindu near the Panama Canal. The US Southern Command says the area is a military zone shared by both countries, while the Panamanians claim it is exclusively their domain.

A Defence Forces patrol detained four vehicles carrying a number of US military police, and the Southern Command said it quickly dispatched troops backed by armoured cars and helicopters.

The incident started when "American troops went around in civilian clothes, with their weapons, riding in private vehicles in violation" of the Panama Canal Treaties, said Panamanian Maj. Carlos Saldana.

"No country in the world can accept that units, claiming to be part of an Army, move in within its territory armed and in civilian clothes," he said. "If they tried to do this in any other nation they would be killed like common muggers, like a vulgar thief."

The confrontation ended after a meeting between Panamanian and American military officers, a Southern Command news release said.

## North just beat the jail

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (AP): Had US sentencing guidelines been applied to Oliver North's Iran-Contra case, the recommended punishment would have been a prison term of at least 21 months, according to a published analysis.

North, convicted last spring of committing three felonies while working at the White House in 1986, was fined, put on probation and ordered to do community service — but was sentenced to no jail time.

The guidelines, which recommend ranges of possible sentences to judges, weren't applied to the North case because they cover only US crimes committed after Nov 1, 1987.

If North's action had come after that date, calculations under the guidelines "would produce a sentence range of 21-27 months in prison on the low end, and a range of 46-57 months in prison on the high end," concluded an article by the editors of the Federal Sentencing Reporter.

The non-profit publication is circulated among US judges, probation officers, law professors and practising attorneys.

The ranges "sketch possible avenues guideline sentencing might have taken," Marc Miller of Emory University Law School in Atlanta, Georgia, and Daniel Freed of Yale University Law School said in their analysis.

### Drug chemist arrested

## Cuba slow to act

MIAMI, Aug 12, (AP): Cuban authorities have done little to back up Fidel Castro's pledge to join the international drug battle, said witnesses testifying at a special Senate hearing yesterday.

Thomas Cash, head of the US Drug Enforcement Administration's Miami office, said about 39 airports of drugs in Cuban waters have been counted since April.

"Only time will tell if Cuba will continue its attempts to prevent traffickers from using its territory as a transit point for drugs destined for the United States," said Cash.

Following the execution of Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa Sanchez and three other top military officers convicted of drug smuggling, Castro promised to co-operate in the international drug war and shoot down any unauthorised planes in Cuban airspace. But witnesses said little has been done since the Cuban President made that pledge.

Participants at the hearing included top law enforcement officials and a former Cuban counter-intelligence officer disguised in a fake beard.

Many witnesses documented instances of traffickers passing through Cuba since last month's executions and said drug dealers may have made Cuba an economic hostage.

Antonio Jorge, professor of political economy at Florida International University in Miami, made what he called a "highly conservative" estimate that drug deals contribute up to \$300 million a year to the depressed Cuban economy.

The Medellin drug cartel's chief chemist was arrested at La Guardia airport after he was lured into the US to check out an alleged bad shipment of heroin, the DEA said.

Humberto Sanchez Butiagu, 28, was taken into custody Thursday after undercover agents and informers convinced him to visit New York, said DEA spokesman Robert Strang.

### Drug causes deformed kidneys

## Cocaine linked to birth defects

BOSTON, Aug 12, (UPI): Women who use cocaine early in their pregnancies are nearly five times more likely to produce babies with serious birth defects, government researchers reported.

In a first-of-a-kind study, researchers found pregnant women who used cocaine had a much greater chance of giving birth to babies with deformities in their kidneys or other parts of their urinary tracts.

"There is more and more evidence that it's not good idea that pregnant women use cocaine," said Dr. Gilberto Chavez, an epidemiologist at the Federal

Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta who conducted the study.

"This is just one more thing that has been found," said Chavez, who reported his findings in Thursday's edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association. "It's very important to discourage women from using cocaine while they are pregnant."

The researchers found women who used cocaine early in pregnancy were 4.8 times more likely to have babies with urinary tract defects. The defects consisted most commonly of deformed kidneys.

### Columbia returning home

## All's well on shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 12, (Agencies): With their secret mission winding down, the Columbia astronauts spent yesterday presumably finishing experiments and testing the performance of their rebuilt space shuttle, in its first flight in 3-1/2 years.

Commander Brewster Shaw and pilot Richard were to run through a series of tests to make certain the shuttle's computers and control jets were ready for the return to Earth tomorrow.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration broke the official silence on the mission today to announce Columbia would land at 6:37 am tomorrow (1337 GMT) in the Mojave Desert at Edwards Air Force Base in California after a flight of five days, one hour.

Earlier, it had said only that the landing would take place between 6 am and 9 am. (1300 and 1600 GMT).

Source reported the crew was doing well. The primary goal of the mission was accomplished Tuesday when a top-secret spy satellite was successfully launched.

### Soviet satellite explodes

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 12, (UPI): An advanced Soviet spy satellite exploded in orbit 10 days before the shuttle Columbia carried a high-tech American reconnaissance spy craft into space Tuesday, an aerospace magazine reported yesterday.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine reports in its Aug 14 edition that the Cosmos 2030 satellite, an operational Soviet reconnaissance station, apparently was blown up on radio command after the 7.5-ton spacecraft went out of control.

The satellite was launched July 12 by an SL-4 Soyuz booster fired from the Plesetsk launch site in northern Russia.

"While investigating the failure of Cosmos 2030, the Soviets also are continuing to test a different type of advanced reconnaissance satellite they launched July 18," Aviation Week said.

"With the launch of Columbia's payload, both the US and the USSR now have new strategic spacecraft undergoing test in space at the same time,"

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"The spacecraft is an upgraded state-of-the-art version of the KH-11 satellite," Aviation Week and Space Technology reports in its Aug 14 edition. "In its strategic intelligence role, the new spacecraft uses high resolution digital imaging techniques...to obtain images and radio them back to Earth."

Aviation Week said the satellite weighed 20,617 pounds (9,350 kg) and that equipment weighing an additional 2,357

pounds (1,070 kg) was used to cradle the satellite.

Air Force Col. Shaw, Navy Cmdr. Richards and their crewmates — Navy Cmdr. David Leestma, 40, Army Lt. Col. James Adamson, 43, and Air Force Maj. Mark Brown, 37 — plan to fly back to their homes in Houston shortly after landing.

The military crew of the Columbia began preparations today for a scheduled landing tomorrow at Edwards Air Force base in California.

## Zuno to testify in trial of Quintero

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug 12, (AP): A US magistrate Friday ordered the brother-in-law of the former Mexican president transported to California as a "material witness" in a trial involving the kidnapping and torture of a US Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

Magistrate Robert O'Connor granted a motion to postpone the bond hearing of Ruben Zuno-Arce, the brother-in-law of former Mexican President Luis Echeverria Alvarez, and ordered him transferred to California by Monday to testify in the trial of Rafael Caro Quintero.

Quintero was indicted along with nine others in the 1985 abduction and killing of DEA agent Enrique Camarena. The agent was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, by five armed men and taken to a house where he was interrogated and tortured for about 36 hours, US officials said.

Three Mexican nationals with ties to Quintero were convicted last year in Camarena's kidnapping and slaying.

O'Connor issued his order after arguments by assistant US attorney Glen McTaggart that Zuno is suspected of having knowledge of the kidnapping and torture and may have witnessed it, said James Ray Dudley, public affairs specialist for US immigration and Naturalisation Service.

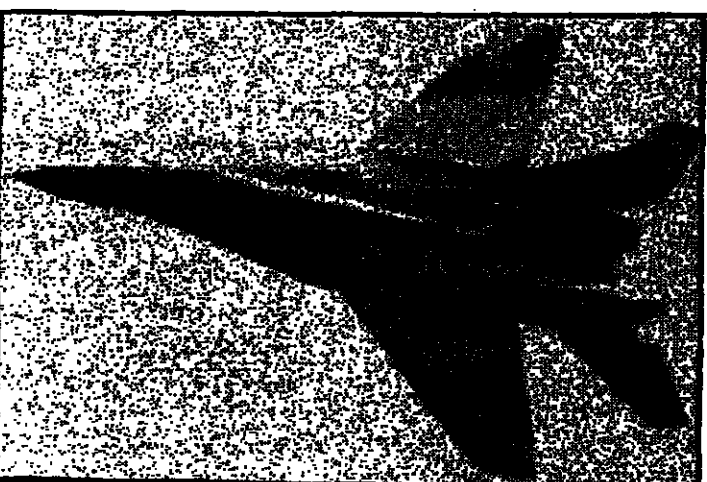
Zuno, a resident of Mascota in the Mexican state of Jalisco, was arrested by immigration detention officers Wednesday night in San Antonio. He has not been charged with any crime, Dudley said.

Zuno's attorneys, Jeremiah Handy and Pete Magaro, told the court that if taken to testify in California, Zuno would plead his fifth amendment right against self-incrimination.

O'Connor ordered Zuno transferred from the custody of the INS to the US marshals office, which would take him to Los Angeles.

Zuno arrived at the San Antonio International Airport Wednesday and requested admission to the United States. He was placed in "deferred inspection status," and was allowed to leave the airport, officials said.

After a background check, however, immigration officials began investigating possible ties to narcotics trafficking.



Soviets show their aircraft

A large crowd at the Abbotsford International Air Show watches as the world's largest transport plane the Soviet AN-225 (top) makes a landing. The Soviets brought the AN-225 and the MIG-29 (bottom) to the air show for their North American debut. The MIG-29 is seen going through its aerial display. (Reuters wirephotos)

## Pegasus promises cut-rate launches

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, California, Aug 12, (AP): US officials have unveiled a 50-foot (15-metre) winged rocket of the sort that will be launched from a B-52 bomber in October in the first flight of a privately developed booster designed to put satellites in orbit at low cost.

The gleaming white Pegasus rocket, similar to the pioneering X-15 rocket plane, was rolled out of a hangar at NASA's Ames Dryden Flight Research Facility as 400 people watched and a high school band played.

Antonio Elias, a scientist who originated the idea for Orbital Sciences Corp., noted its adaptation of technology from US Air Force and Navy missiles and declared Pegasus "a noteworthy example of swords turned into plowshares."

Orbital Sciences Corp. developed the rocket with Hercules Aerospace Co. Orbital Sciences spokeswoman Barbara C. Zadina said that at a cost of \$6 million to \$8 million per launch, "We are lowering the threshold for getting into space."

While the US Defence Department and NASA are interested in using Pegasus rockets for military and scientific projects, "You're going to see states, small countries or university programmes that want to get into space,"

Zadina said. "Now, for \$6 million, they can afford a dedicated launch."

Before the Challenger disaster in 1986, NASA was charged about \$35 million to deploy a large satellite. Last year, NASA recommended a \$110 million fee for a shuttle payload.

Pegasus will allow small satellites to be launched at low cost for astronomy, environmental and other research, said Robert Pincus of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland.

An orbital sciences brochure calls Pegasus a "winged workhorse" — apparently after the winged horse of mythology.

The Pegasus rocket unveiled Thursday will not be the one launched in October. Instead, it will be carried aloft under the wings of a NASA B-52 for test flights later this month and in early October.

Later in October, another Pegasus will be released from a B-52 about 40,000 feet (12,190 metres) over the Pacific Ocean off the California coast. The three-stage rocket will ignite and carry into orbit a three-part payload named Pegasus that contains NASA and Defence Department experiments.

## Expose hurts Bloch probe

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (AP): The US Justice Department is hardening its assessment of the damage done by public disclosure of its investigation of alleged spying by American diplomat Felix S. Bloch.

Justice Department spokesman David Runkel said yesterday that the July 21 disclosure that the 54-year-old US diplomat was under investigation had compromised the investigation.

"There is no doubt that the premature disclosure of that case, the premature disclosure that there was an ongoing investigation, did compromise the investigation," Runkel said.

He didn't explain how the investigation had been compromised.

Runkel's assessment yesterday was much stronger than one he delivered July 31 when asked about the impact of so much publicity on an espionage investigation that has yet to produce a criminal charge.

Bloch declined to comment on the allegations against him in an interview with an Austrian television correspondent that was broadcast yesterday.

He said then that "the premature disclosure may have had an adverse impact on the development of new evidence in the case."

Bloch, under suspicion of spying for the Soviet Union, said in the interview broadcast yesterday he has a lot to say about his case but will "hold back until the right time comes."

Asked whether he was purposely raising the suspense, Bloch told his Austrian television host in the interview conducted in the United States: "Yes, why not? I don't want people to get bored in August," a traditionally slow time in Washington, with Congress in recess.

But he denied that he was enjoying the experience.

"That would be an exaggeration," he said. "It is not pleasant, not now, when you think you are 'going to trip' over these people who are accompanying me, and sometimes asking me stupid questions."

The investigation of Bloch, the second-ranking US diplomat in Vienna, Austria, for much of the decade, was disclosed July 21 by the US television network ABC.

"The differences in the statements reflects a different view, based on how people in the department see the situation today," Runkel said yesterday when asked about the contrast between his two assessments.

He acknowledged the Justice Department opposed the State Department's decision to issue a statement after the ABC news broadcast that essentially confirmed the accuracy of the report.

The television report and a series of disclosures have produced what Runkel called "the circus going on out there" of reporters and FBI agents tailing Bloch each day on daily excursions from his apartment.

Bloch has been placed on paid leave by the State Department.

Asked why there were no charges despite continuous FBI surveillance of Bloch, Runkel said, "the department does not bring charges unless it believes it has sufficient evidence to convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that a person is guilty of violating the law."

The FBI has been conducting 24-hour-a-day surveillance of Bloch to prevent him from leaving the country while the investigation continues.

Runkel refused to comment when asked if the department had evidence that it was unwilling to disclose in court for fear of hurting counter-intelligence operations.

Bloch, meanwhile, led reporters and photographers yesterday afternoon shopping excursion to a suburban supermarket.

About 1 pm (1700 GMT), Bloch announced he was about to leave his apartment. Two hours later, Bloch finally emerged, driving his light-blue Mercedes-Benz. He invited two television crews to ride along while he went on errands.

Followed by a 20-car caravan of reporters, TV crews and FBI agents, Bloch drove to nearby Bethesda, Maryland, where he shopped at a supermarket and a bookstore.

The supermarket manager asked the TV crews to leave the store after a cameraman who was backpedalling to film Bloch buying groceries knocked over an elderly woman, who cut her hand on the floor.

The Soviet security service, the KGB, has caught about 30 Western spies in recent years and has started fighting Western industrial espionage, Tass reported yesterday.

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# Marcos Wall Street skyscraper sold for \$108 million

NEW YORK, Aug 12, (UPI): A Wall Street skyscraper embroiled in the Philippine government bid to reclaim tangled funds allegedly stolen by deposed president Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda was sold at a record auction yesterday for \$108.6 million.

Some of the proceeds of the sale of 40 Wall Street Tower could eventually go to the Philippine government, which is fighting for possession of New York real estate that Philippine officials claim the Marcoses illegally bought with government money.

Stephen Estroff, who handled the 15-minute auction in US District Court in Manhattan, called it the largest foreclosure sale of a single building in New York court history.

The Philippine government had claimed ownership of the property, contending the lease of the 60-year-old, 66-storey stone structure was bought with funds illegally siphoned from the Philippine government by the Marcoses.

The new owner of the lease of the 1.1 million-square-foot (102,000-sq-m) building on Wall Street is 40 Wall Partners, which consists of brothers Ralph and Joseph Bernstein, New York Landbank and NYL Partners.

The Citibank action followed a default by the previous owners on a \$39.2 million second mortgage taken out in 1984.

## Martial law may be lifted

### China sets new curbs

BEIJING, Aug 12, (Agencies): Chinese leaders huddled today in a lengthy Politburo meeting and were believed to be considering lifting martial law in Beijing, amid reports of high-level differences on how soon to do so.

Western diplomats and Chinese sources said.

The government, meanwhile, ordered a tough new measure apparently designed to tighten its grasp on the nation's college campuses, announcing graduate students planning to enrol this September would instead be required to work for at least a year.

It was the latest in a series of steps to expand controls on students, who led the pro-democracy protests this spring that blossomed into the biggest anti-government demonstrations since the founding of communist China in 1949.

Martial law was imposed in Beijing May 20 and the protests crushed by the Chinese Army June 3 in Central Tiananmen Square. A sweeping nation-wide crackdown on dissent has ensued.

With speculation intensifying in recent days on the lifting of martial law, the Communist Party's ruling Politburo met for hours beginning this morning at the Great Hall of the People, Western diplomats advised of the meeting said.

"It was a long one," one diplomat noted.

The 15-member Politburo includes Communist Party General Secretary Jiang Zemin, Premier Li Peng and other senior leaders. It was not known how many participated.

US Sen. Warren Rudman, a New Hampshire Republican, met in the afternoon with Wan Li, a Politburo member and the chairman of China's legislature, and said afterward Wan had spent much of the day in a "major meeting."

Rudman's visit was the first to China by a high-ranking US official since Washington imposed a ban on diplomatic contacts with Beijing following the military assault on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square on June 3-4.

Rudman said he met with Li and Vice-Foreign Minister Zhu Qizhen to "make sure Chinese leaders understood clearly the impact of the events of June... on the American people."

Hong Kong newspapers reported this week that Chinese leaders had agreed at meetings to lift martial law within the next

two months, but diplomats and Chinese sources reported senior officials had differed recently over the timing.

They said Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong, a member of the party Central Committee but not the Politburo, had argued for extending the measure, while senior military officials and some political leaders urged it be lifted sooner.

Martial law is widely expected to be lifted sometime around the Chinese National Day on Oct 1 this year, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the communist nation.

Most of the nearly 200,000 soldiers sent to encircle Beijing by late May have already returned to bases around the country. Troops are still posted at major intersections in the city, but the Army has taken a much less visible posture.

The announcement on students was the latest step by the government to avert renewed campus ferment. Beijing colleges have already launched political and ideological study campaigns, and warned political activists will not be tolerated.

The official China Daily newspaper, quoting an order by the State Education Commission, said most of the 35,000 new graduates planning to enrol in post-graduate programmes this year will instead "work for a year or two before they resume their studies."

The reports gave few details, but said the move was designed to give students "practical work experience." Such jobs are generally assigned by the government and give students little choice.

Some of the graduate students who took part in the democracy movement were among its most vocal and best organizers.

"This is a punitive action," said a diplomat. "It conforms with what we have been hearing about education policies."

Vice-Minister of the State Education Commission He Dongchang condemned students this week for having "an inflated opinion of themselves" and knowing little about Marxism.

"We want to guide students so that they become close to the workers and peasants," he was quoted by the People's Daily as saying.

Hundreds of Chinese students are finding that American sympathy for the suppressed pro-democracy protest hasn't opened the doors to the US any wider.

## Broadcaster recognised Priest awarded prize

MANILA, Aug 12, (Reuters): An American Jesuit priest jailed for two years by the Marcos government, has been awarded this year's Ramon Magsaysay Journalism, Literature and Creative Communications Arts Prize.

The Ramon Magsaysay foundation said today Fr James Reuter, director of the National Mass Media Office of the Philippine Catholic Church, was recognised for using his gifts as writer, broadcaster, theatrical director, and teacher to make the performing arts a vital force for good.

Father Reuter, 73, from New Jersey, receives \$30,000, a certificate and gold medal from the foundation, named after a president killed in a 1957 plane crash.

It gives awards in five categories annually. The

others are public service, community leadership, government service, and international understanding.

Reuter first came to the Philippines as a young religious scholar in the early 1940s. After ordination in the United States in 1946 and a course in broadcasting, he returned and eventually became the church's media expert.

He introduced Catholic programming to Philippine television and helped set up Radio Veritas, which years later opposed Ferdinand Marcos, ousted as president in 1986.

When Marcos declared martial law in 1972, Reuter was among hundreds of people arrested in a crackdown on dissent.



Great escape

Two Vietnamese women escape from the refugee detention centre at Sek Kong outside Hong Kong on Thursday. Insufficient security fences and police patrols has resulted in many escapes from the

camp, which holds 7,200 Vietnamese boat people. The refugees are among some 53,000 now being held in Hong Kong was awaiting processing. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bar Khmer Rouge call UN team visits graves

BANGKOK, Aug 12, (UPI): Vietnamese-backed Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen today toughened conditions for a political settlement in Cambodia, demanding that current members of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group be barred from having any role in politics.

Radio Phnom Penh reported that Hun Sen told a meeting of party and government officials that an international conference on Cambodia in Paris would not be successful unless the settlement included measures to prevent the Khmer Rouge from returning to power.

"Anyone who is in the ranks of the Khmer Rouge and who has not yet abandoned his weapons and who does not oppose the Pol Pot genocidal regime should not be given an opportunity to take part in national political life," Hun Sen said.

Hun Sen, himself a former Khmer Rouge military commander who defected in 1977, previously said he would insist that only the top leaders of the Khmer Rouge be barred from participation in politics.

The tough new condition appeared to make prospects of a political settlement even more distant. But one analyst in Bangkok said it was possible the new demand was a last-minute manoeuvre before discussing compromises that would make a solution possible.

The Khmer Rouge are blamed for the deaths of more than one million people from execution,

hunger and disease during their 3-1/2 years in power.

Hun Sen charged that any government that supported a role for the Khmer Rouge in a peace settlement was encouraging further massacres, the radio said.

Earlier today a Khmer Rouge radio commentary insisted on the four-party interim government formula proposed by the three resistance factions.

It said the Hun Sen government would be accepted as an equal partner in the government provided it stopped "serving Vietnam."

"This would ensure that Cambodia enjoys security and peace and that there is no civil war in Cambodia," the radio said.

Cambodia's pro-Vietnamese government says it expects to win a landslide victory in elections to be held after the pullout of Vietnamese troops in September.

## Hiroshima lives in anger, Nagasaki in prayer

NAGASAKI, Japan, Aug 12, (AP): The two cities that suffered the world's first and only atomic attacks 44 years ago remember it differently, but few Japanese today harbour resentment against the United States for the bombings.

"Hiroshima in anger, Nagasaki in prayer," is the way many sum up the reactions of each city to the atomic bombs that turned large portions of them into rubble and ashes at the end of World War II.

Since Hiroshima was the first target on Aug 6, 1945, and twice as many people died

in the resulting inferno that swept the city, it was always figured more prominently in horror stories of nuclear war and calls for nuclear disarmament.

But "Fat Boy," an atomic bomb that was larger than the one used on Hiroshima, fell on Nagasaki three days later killing 70,000 people. The port city's hilly terrain, however, kept the damage more contained than in Hiroshima.

"So many Catholics were killed by the A-bomb that it was thought of as punishment from God," said Masahito Hirose, a 59-year-old survivor of the bombing from

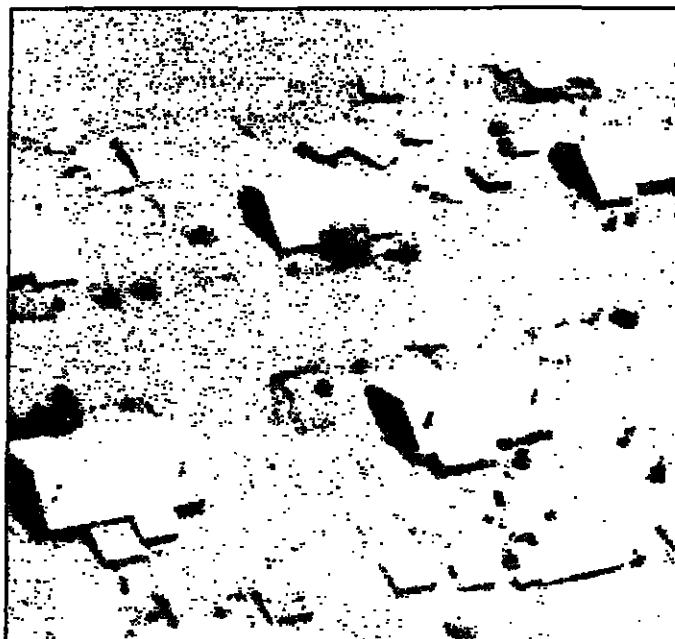
Nagasaki. "Many people here thought the victims were martyrs in the ending of the war."

Nagasaki was one of the few cities where contact with Western traders and missionaries was allowed during more than 200 years of Japanese isolation that ended in the mid-17th century. Through its contact with the West, Roman Catholicism took hold.

The bomb was dropped in a downtown area heavily populated by Catholics, killing a majority of the Christian population — about 9,000 people.

Hirose, the director of a group that collects personal testimony from Nagasaki's survivors, also said Nagasaki's history, dominated by feudal lords who kept a tight reign on the populace, influenced its residents' reaction to the bombing. He says Nagasaki residents are more "obedient" and more likely to hold in their feelings than people in Hiroshima, 450 kilometres (280 miles) away.

Some 50,000 people attended Hiroshima's annual ceremony to pay tribute to atomic bomb victims — more than twice the number than at Nagasaki's ceremony.



Villages flooded

A flooded settlement in the Dalmatichenski district of the Soviet Far East bordering on China Aug 11. Five days of non-stop rain have caused rivers to rise more than 7 metres and nearly all the villages in the Dalmatichenski and Lesozavodsk regions have been flooded. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Gunbattle kills 11

MANILA, Aug 12, (UPI): Ten communist rebels and a soldier were killed in a gunbattle in the central Philippines, the military said today.

A military report said government troops were patrolling yesterday on the outskirts of Juban, Sorsogon, 240 miles (390 km) southeast of Manila, when they encountered heavily armed rebels of the communist New Peoples Army (NPA).

The report said the guerrillas fought the soldiers for 90 minutes before withdrawing to a forested area, leaving 10 of their comrades and a trooper dead. Four other soldiers were wounded and airlifted to a military hospital.

The 23,000 member NPA, armed wing of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, has been battling the Manila government for 20 years.

### Raging wildfire

RHODES, Greece, Aug 12, (AP): A raging wildfire swept through forests on this popular southeastern Aegean resort island destroying thousands of trees before hundreds of firefighters and aircraft brought it under control today.

The fire started in the central part of the island and spread quickly, fanned by strong winds at about 6:30 pm (1530 GMT) yesterday, the Forest Service said. Despite the attempts of two small fire fighting planes to extinguish the flames, it raged out of control throughout the night.

As dawn approached, five more fire fighting aircraft arrived from the mainland to assist, and together with 600 firefighters including troops, brought the wildfire under control at 10:15 am (0715 GMT), the service said.

### Cruise ship fire

RHODES, Greece, Aug 12, (AP): All 45 passengers were safely evacuated today when a fire broke out aboard the Greek cruise ship Zeus II after it smashed into a pier as it attempted to dock early today at this southeastern Aegean island, harbour authorities reported.

A Rhodes harbour official said the ship developed engine trouble when it tried to dock as strong winds swept through Rhodes harbour.

The wind pushed the 1,500-tonne liner against one of the piers resulting in a crack in its stern and a fire breaking out in the engine room minutes later. The fire was extinguished within an hour and there was no significant damage to the engine room, said the harbour official by telephone who asked to remain anonymous.

Most of the passengers aboard the Zeus II were Belgian, Dutch and German who were "quickly and safely evacuated," said the official.

### Greek tycoon

ATHENS, Aug 12, (Reuters): A bomb blast rock the Athens house of Greek shipping and media tycoon Mino Kiriakou today, causing extensive damage but no injuries, police said.

The time-bomb was placed in the garage of Kiriakou's luxury villa in the plush south suburb of Eleusis. No one was in the house when it exploded.

Kiriakou owns a number of ships and a popular radio station and plans to open Greece's first private television channel.

Police said there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast.

### Parcel bomb

GRANADA, Spain, Aug 12, (AP): A parcel bomb mailed by suspected Basque separatists killed the mother of a prison guard yesterday and injured the guard's brother and another family member, an Interior Ministry spokesman said today.

Alberto Pozas said Honrada Munoz Munoz, 55, died when she opened a package addressed to her son, a guard at the Las Palmas prison on Gran Canaria Island.

A second son and another family member were released from a Granada Hospital after being treated for slight injuries suffered in the blast, he said.

The bomb was similar to one sent to a prison guard in Murcia on Thursday, Pozas said. A police bomb squad deactivated that package, which contained 600 grams (21 ounces) of plastic explosives, after the suspicious guard brought it unopened to the prison.

### Pakistan protests

ISLAMABAD, Aug 11, (KUNA): Pakistan yesterday lodged a strong protest with Afghanistan over its missile attack on Pakistan's interior town of Haripur last week.

Six persons were injured and 18 buildings heavily damaged when a Scud missile fired from the Afghanistan territory hit Haripur town in Hazara region of Northwest Frontier Province.

Pakistan's only telephone manufacturing factory is located in Haripur town which is close to the border of Punjab province.

The Afghan charge d'Affaires in Islamabad was today summoned to the Foreign Ministry and a strong protest was lodged with him, a ministry spokesman said, adding that a complaint has also been lodged with the United Nations good offices mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

### Police attacked

GUWAHATI, India, Aug 12, (UPI): Bodo tribal militants today detonated a powerful mine beneath a police vehicle in northeastern Assam state, killing eight officers and leaving 12 others seriously wounded, police reported.

Police blamed the pre-dawn attack on radicals from the animist Bodo tribe, who have been waging a campaign of strikes and attacks to press their demand for a separate state to be named "Bodoland" along the north bank of the Brahmaputra river.

The attack took to 290 the death toll this year in Bodo-related violence. The militants have increasingly targeted state police, of whom 49 have died in the escalating drive.



# Current plan failed to achieve population balance

Health, education improved

THE current five-year development plan, the first of its kind in Kuwait, has failed to achieve the desired population balance between Kuwaitis and expatriates. Secretary-General of the Higher Planning Council, Fuad Mulla Hussein said today. In an interview with a local daily, Hussein stressed that the follow up reports even showed some adverse indications in achieving some of the goals particularly as the number of Kuwaitis did not increase compared to others. But he added that the five-year plan has achieved many other goals, particularly in health services, illiteracy eradication, education policy

and others. He said that the next five-year plan will work out fixed and specific strategies for all the activities. Hussein emphasised the need for government intervention in the private sector, stressing on the importance of transferring some of the activities to the private sector. He said that this should aim at creating job opportunities for productive Kuwaitis in the private sector, adding that the core of the next five-year plan will be the Kuwaiti man. Hussein said that the reforms in the educational system will effectively contribute in the desired transfer in the quality of the Kuwaiti people by making them

more productive. He also stressed on the important role technology can play in this respect. He said that the Kuwaiti private sector will be one of the next five-year plan strategies, stressing the need for depending upon productive industries in Kuwait.

About the main issues that the long-term planning strategy for Kuwait has adopted, Hussein said that the main principle is the development of national manpower through education, training, administrative reforms and also by adopting a selective immigration policy. The second major issue is the development of the role of the private sector. He said that 18 mem-

bers in the Higher Planning Council, which is headed by HH the Crown Prince and Premier, come from the various sections of the private sector. He said that members of the Planning Council hold the view that the role of the private sector, which predominantly prevailed in Kuwait before oil, should be restored. He added that the restoration of a bigger role for the private sector will help in developing productive Kuwaiti people. He said that members of the council have been unanimous on the principle that the government must intervene in the private sector in accordance with some strategic goals.

## Parental earnings augmented

## Young peddlars prolific on Kuwait's streets

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times Staff

THE sight of young peddlars "hawking" their wares at various locations in the city of Kuwait, has become an increasingly familiar sight. In addition to the "general-run" of peddlars, it is also becoming quite familiar to see a number of teenage peddlars deploying themselves at traffic lights and pathetically "wooing" customers to purchase the trivials that they sell.

While this form of activity cannot be termed as "a form of begging" it is both illegal and antisocial as per the laws of Kuwait. Moreover, as child labour is totally banned in Kuwait and is an act that can incur judicial penalties.

These young peddlars can be seen at traffic lights during the evening periods — specifically at Hawalli and Shuwaikh areas. They range between the ages of six to 15 years of age and they offer for sale, chocolates, chewing gum, tissues, coloured balloons and other similar products. For their tender age, they appear to have mastered the art of avoiding the vigilance of the police.

In an effort to obtain a "behind the scene" view of what propels these youngsters to engage in this form of commerce, Arab Times interviewed a group of youngsters.

A nine-year-old peddler who identified himself as being of Palestinian origin said that dur-

ing school vacations he sells chocolates for 150 fils a piece. At the end of the evening, he makes a profit ranging from 550 fils to KD2 — depending on the number of customers.

Queried about the reasons for him having to resort to this type of trade, he said that his father is very busy and rarely has the time for him. His mother looks after him. His younger brothers who total 8 in number and as his father's "take-home" pay is not sufficient to meet the demands of such a large family he is compelled to do his best to augment the meagre earnings of his father.

On the issue of his mother having such a large family, the youth explained that he along with his brothers will one day be fighting for Palestine — replacing other martyrs. He said that he continually keeps a watchful eye so as not to be apprehended by the police.

Another peddler, Ahmed Tahseen who is 12 years of age said that he has been selling cigarettes and chewing gum for the past four years to obtain some pocket money. He claimed that he does not receive any money from his parents. He said he sees no harm in his earning money by this honest means and added that even though it is not much, (about KD10 at the end of the month) it enables him to make some small purchases for his personal use — which could not be possible as his father's income can barely meet essen-

tials of the family. He said that his parents were unaware that he was engaging in this form of activity, but was reported to them by one of his neighbours who happened to spot him selling his wares. A sound thrashing followed, he said with a promise from him not to engage in this form of activity in the future. However, he said, he could not keep up to his promise and still continues to engage in this form of trade.

Service Another 14-year-old who refused to be identified said that drivers who stop at traffic lights are quite willing to purchase cigarettes, chewing gum and tissues from him. He believes he is doing an honest service both to himself and to these drivers. He added that he was once arrested by the police and taken to the station. His parents were called and had to sign a pledge undertaking that he would not resort to this form of activity in the future.

The Public Relations official at the Ministry of Interior Col Fahad Al Mikhled said that this form of activity is totally alien to Kuwait and is not only against the law, but constitutes a hazard from the point of health, causing inconvenience to traffic which could and has led to accidents. Police patrols have been instructed not to treat these incidents leniently, he added. He called on parents to ensure that their children desist from engaging in these activities.

## 10,467 expats leave in last four months

### Labour law implemented

By Hussain Salameh

AFTER the implementation of the new labour regulations in the private sector, a total of 10,467 expatriates permanently left the country during the past four month period, Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Labour Affairs, Mohammad Al Shabnan announced yesterday and added that during the same period 27,915 work permits for new expatriates have been issued.

There has been a sharp drop in residency (sponsorship) transfers within the private sector during the second quarter of the year — after the implementation of the new labour rules. During this period there were only 4,916 transfers compared to 13,946 transfers in the first quarter (before the implementation of the new labour rules). In relation to transfer of residence in exceptional cases, a sharp drop occurred. In the first quarter, 2,895 exceptions resulted — after implementation of the new rules only 736 exceptions have been transferred.

Stricter The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour began implementing the new stricter labour regulations on March 22 this year and during the first six months residences of 13,829 expatriates have been cancelled from the private sector — 11,118 left Kuwait permanently and 1,985 residences were cancelled for staying out of Kuwait for a period of over six months without obtaining prior permission, Shabnan said.

The official added that the maximum number of work permits for new expatriates amounting to 9,367 were issued during the month of May this year. Hawalli Governorate issued 4,586, followed by the capital with 3,610 permits. Ahmadi and Jahra labour departments issued 786 and 385 work permits respectively.

Four labour departments completed over 179,000 transactions during the first half of this year. These included about 73,500 renewals of work permits and a total of 67,319 new work permits. After implementing the new labour regulations, 3,588 special cases have been exempted from the rules. These included two workers who had entered the country on visit visas, 308 transfers from the government to the private sector, transfer of 2,528 dependent residences into the private sector, transfer of 477 from maids visas into residence in the private sector and normalising the status of 242 individuals who were among the non-Kuwaiti (no nationality) category, Shabnan said.

Within the private sector, residences of 18,251 persons have been transferred from one sponsor to another within the first six months of this year. A further 609 persons had their residences transferred to the private sector from other sectors. During the first six months of this year, the ministry opened 591 files for businessmen and issued 1,355 licences for small handicrafts, Shabnan concluded.



Amir receives Taekwondo team

HH the Amir received yesterday at 10:00 am the board chairman and members of Kuwaiti Union of Judo and Taekwondo and the players of Taekwondo on the occasion of winning the first place in Arab Taekwondo championship, which was recently held in Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by chairman of Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

## Humphrey fellowship applications invited

### One year programme

THE United States Information Service (USIS), affiliated to the US embassy in Kuwait, has invited applications for the highly competitive Hubert H. Humphrey North-South Fellowship Programme.

The Fellowship was offered in Kuwait "several years ago," but so far no one has been granted one.

A total of 1,142 mid-career professionals, both men and women, from 110 nations have successfully undertaken the Humphrey Programme, established 10 years ago. Fellowships were granted in such fields as public health and nutrition, agriculture, public administration and planning and resource management.

The Humphrey Programme was established in 1978 by the US Congress and the president to honour the memory and accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice-President, Hubert H. Humphrey, who dedicated his life to public service and to fostering mutual understanding among peoples of all races and creeds.

Humphrey, the 38th US vice-president, translated far-reaching humanitarian ideas into action in his 23-year career as a US Senator, directly or indirectly advancing the cause of peace, civil rights, equal education and economic opportunity, housing, health care and conservation of natural resources.

Focus is on developing human resources with emphasis on leadership quality. "Men and women (are) selected for the excellence of their records in public service and for their commitment to the development of their countries," writes Richard M. Krasno, president and chief executive officer of the Institute of International Education.

Krasno says the Humphrey Programme was "created in large part as a response to problems identified by the Brandt Commission."

In 1970, the Independent Commission on International Development Issues, chaired by Willy Brandt, focused attention on the inequities existing between the industrialised countries of the North and the developing nations of the South. The report

pointed out "to the real danger than in the year 2,000 a large part of the world's population would still be living in poverty." A key recommendation proposed focus "not on machines or institutions but on people" if development were to be effective.

One of the guiding principles of the Humphrey Programme is the conviction that "investment in human capital is essential.... and leadership became the central theme."

The programme targets individuals — men and women — from developing countries who are already established in their careers who demonstrate leadership qualities.

The 1987/88 Fellows, for example, combined their professional affiliations with their academic work and career objectives. An Egyptian Fellow, Dr Hassan Abdel Monim's objective was to strengthen ties with agencies in the US concerned with preventing infant/child deaths because of simple diseases like gastroenteritis or chest infections.

After completing the fellowship, he feels the Humphrey year has strengthened both his academic base and his communication with others working on diseases affecting children world-wide.

Humphrey Fellowships are granted to professional candidates who are committed to public service, both in the public and private sectors, in the fields of planning and resource management, public administration, public health and nutrition and agriculture.

Minimum qualifications include an undergraduate degree, at least five years professional experience, leadership qualities and fluency in English.

Applicants must write to the US embassy, (USIS), for an application form, which is supplied on request. The USIS receives applications from August 10 to December each year, to recruit and nominate candidates. Nominees' qualifications are then reviewed by a panel set up by the IIE. Awards are announced between March and May for Fellowships beginning in June to September each year.

## EVENTS

### KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr: Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.15 That's Incredible
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Al Mehrath wa El Bour: Daily Arabic serial (Part 7)
- 3.15 Mawqif: Wa Khotab: religious programme
- 3.35 Billers: Cartoon serial
- 4.00 Al Hanakeesh: Arabic feature film, starring Kamal Al Shinawi, Nabila Obaid
- 6.00 Holy Quran stories: Children's religious serial
- 6.30 Nigini chomies, airlines and official announcements
- 7.00 Space Invasion: Cultural programme
- 7.45 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Local programme, presented by Yaqoub Al Yousif
- 8.15 Divaniyat: Shuara Al Nabat: Local programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Mutasalliqoon: Daily Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 10.30 Local variety late night show, prepared and presented by Rasha Majidi
- 11.45 News summary
- 11.50 The World Today via Satellite

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Care Bears cartoon
- 6.30 See Hunt: "The Big Blow": A group of criminals threaten to blow up Jason's friend, who seeks Dr Mike's help to save it
- 7.00 Architecture at the Crossroads: "Houses Fit for People": A comparison between old and new homes
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Flying Doctors: Jessica, who returns to live on a farm, seeks medical attention for an injury
- 9.30 The Secret World: "Swamps: The Den of Demons": Rivers and swamps — the home of reptiles — are examined in tonight's episode
- 10.00 Kate and Allie: "Lovely Rita": Kate's father comes to visit with his girlfriend-comedy
- 10.30 Best Seller: "Robert Kennedy and His Times": Part 3
- 11.30 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran: Closedown



Nehru centenary celebration

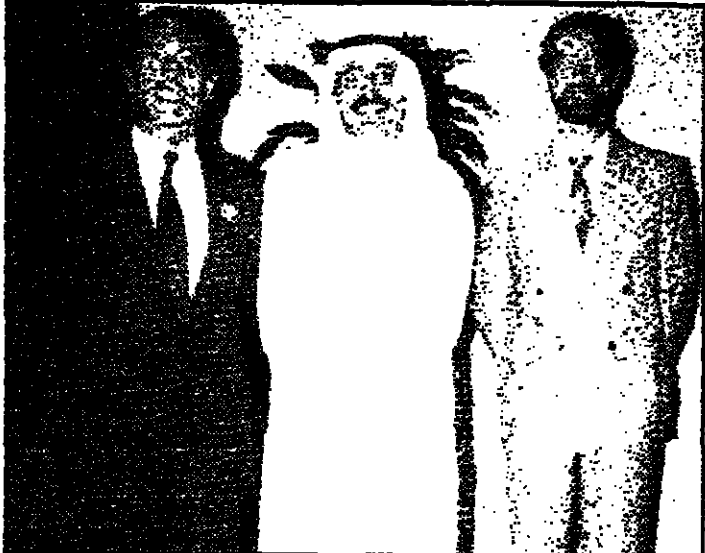
Nehru centenary celebrations conducted by Kuwait Kerala Cultural Congress was inaugurated by Indian Charge d'Affaires R.S. Mukhija. Picture shows sitting (from left to right) Ummen V. Mangalassery (Sargaveedh conveenor), George Tharakan (AIR India, public relation manager), Varghese Gee (First Secretary, Indian Embassy), M.C. Bose (economics editor, Arab Times), Jose Vakayar (president), Abraham Varughese (gen. secretary).

## CINEMA

- Al Andalus Red Scorpion
- Al Hamra Arabic film
- Al Salmiya Revenge of the Nerds
- Drive-In Arabic film
- Al Firdous Jaani Dushman (Hindi) Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Reena Roy
- Fahabiel Open-air Basera
- Al Fahabiel The Annihilators
- Al Jahra Door Desh
- Granada Sachche Ka Bol Bala
- Al Salabikhat Three the Hard Way
- Al Jeeb Puravrutnam
- Ahmadi Drive-in Amazons and the Superman

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.49 am
Zuhr	11.53
Asr	3.28 pm
Maghreb	6.30
Isha	7.54



Swiss National Day

The Swiss community celebrated their National Day on August 1 at the SAS Kuwait Hotel. Pictured from left to right, Franco Besomi, the Charge d'Affaires, Ali Morad Behbehani, the Honorary Consul and Bernhard Bischoff, the Commercial Attache.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
- Al Mejel Pharmacy
- Abdullah Al Mubarak St
- Al Mejel Bldg
- Al Alamiya Pharmacy
- Fahd Al Salem St
- Al Jandool Bldg
- Hawalli and Nagra
- Al Qatun Pharmacy
- Nagra, Al Othman St
- Al Yarmook Complex

- Salmiya and Rumaithiya
- Al Nahda Pharmacy
- Baghdad St
- Property of Al Sane
- Fahabiel and Ahmadi
- Adel Pharmacy
- Fahabiel, Al Awadhi Bldg
- Al Dabous St
- Kheitan
- Kheitan Pharmacy
- Ibrahim Ebin Adham St
- Block No 2
- Jahra
- Al Abraj Pharmacy
- Daabul Al Khozi St
- near the Educational Dept

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

#### Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

#### Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

#### Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

### SOCIAL

#### Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

#### Fiesta Filipiniana

UNDER the auspices of the Philippine embassy here in Kuwait, the Filipino Cultural Club, under the competent leadership of Buddy Patungan, proudly announces to its clamouring fans the comeback of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" with the original cast at its original venue — where else, but at the spacious elegantly-lit Al Jahra Ballroom of the Meridien Hotel. Play date is set on Friday Sept 8, 1989, 4 to 7 pm.

Participants are kindly requested to submit their Civil ID card photocopies to Toltis Matig-A, the club's director on social and cultural affairs. Rehearsals commence on Friday, Aug 11, 1989. There will be a general meeting also for all its working committee

on this said date.

For more particulars contact: Marie - 4317256, Toltis - 2417766. For ticket reservations, contact: Florence - 2436121 or 2439451.

#### Indian embassy

A FLAG-HOISTING ceremony on the occasion of the Independence Day of India will be held in the chancery premises of the Embassy of India at 34 Istiglal Street at 8.30 am. All Indians are cordially invited to attend. On account of Independence Day the embassy will remain closed on 15.8.1989.

#### Independents ball

AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

#### Kapilku contest

AUGUST 25: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Aray ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

#### Fit for life

LADIES' Keep Fit classes at La Palma Fitness Centre at the Kuwait International on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free use of the pool after each session plus free use of the sauna on Tuesdays. Also judo, karate and taekwondo classes. Individual coaching for tennis and swimming available. Garden poolside barbeque every Friday afternoon. Recreation facilities include bowling, snooker and health club with sauna, steam bath and plunge pool. Telephone Paul or Vivienne at: 2530000/8050.

#### Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ball Room of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact tel: 2413884/2434776/562914-1/4310913 after 5 pm.

#### Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 3413706 pm only.

#### Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

#### Pakistan embassy

AUGUST 14: A flag hoisting ceremony will be held at the Pakistan embassy, on the occasion of Independence Day of Pakistan at 9 am. All Pakistanis are cordially invited to attend. The embassy will remain closed with effect from Aug 12 to 14, on account of Ashura and Independence Day as declared by the Government of Pakistan. The embassy will reopen on Aug 15.

#### Filask's contest

FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state. Filask's president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4 pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes.

Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4 pm, at the Meridien Hotel.

For more particulars, kindly contact the following Filask's officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Rose Formantes: 4843601, Malon Tadena: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4321 and other Filask's officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

## HOTELS

### At the Holiday Inn

At the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.

Al Andalus: Thursday, Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local enter-

tainers provide wonderful music.

Family brunch: Friday, a wholesome day for the children. Bring along your kid and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters and magic by the great magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price — KD5.000 for adults, and half per kid.

At the swimming pool: From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring family and friends and savour our delicious Shazarak barbecue, at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

### At the Hotel Pullman

At the Elysees Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.

At the Salalah coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

At the Kuwait International L.A. PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext \$166.

Falaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Measallah Beach Al-Mubarakiah: The only 24 hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al-Jawharah Super Night Club — live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Berdowneh beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezza, freshly baked markouk bread and hubble bubble.



# MPH to appoint expatriate dentists

## Move to alleviate shortage

NEWLY graduated expatriate dentists can work in the ministry and practise the dental profession, provided they obtain grades rated as very good or excellent from a recognised university or if they were born in Kuwait and possess valid residence and had studied through all stages in Kuwait, or if their fathers are physicians or pharmacists in Kuwait for at least 15 years.

This decision is in accordance with a resolution issued by the Ministry of Public Health last year. Dr Mohammed Bilal, follow-up and co-ordination controller at the dentistry department of the Ministry of Public Health said.

The ministry will be conducting interviews with 12 expat dentists present-

ly working at the dentistry centre to determine the feasibility of appointing them as full time paid employees, the official said.

**Rights**

Headed that the ministry reserves the right to accept newly graduated expat dentists who do not meet the stipulated conditions mentioned above, as visiting dentists for a period of one year's training course, after which they could be eligible to be appointed as fully paid employees at the ministry.

Bilal said that the ministry will appoint 50 trainee dentists as permanent employees after they have completed their 18 months training programmes.

The ministry is awaiting the approval of the Civil Service Commission to appoint these dentists in a move designed to alleviate the problem caused by the shortage of this expertise.

He added that there are 8 Kuwaiti students studying dentistry in Ireland. However, 20 Kuwaiti dentists resigned from the ministry or were transferred to work in administrative posts recently. Bilal expected that the number of Kuwaiti dentists who intend to resign will increase in the not too distant future. This increase in the number of resignations will adversely affect the development of dentistry services, the official added.

Bilal revealed that the Ministry of

Public Health has completed feasibility studies on four dentistry centres to be built at Jahra, Addan, Sabah and Farwaniya health areas. The four centres will comprise of 240 clinics, 120 of which will be distributed over centres at Addan, Farwaniya and Jahra health areas, while other clinics will be located in Sabah Centre. A tender for the undertaking of this project will be published and the project is expected to be completed in a time-frame of one year from the date of signing the contract.

**Faculty**

The official expressed the belief that the dentistry centre at Sabah Health Area will be transferred into a faculty of dentistry. A final decision is awaited and

is expected to be actioned in the coming few years. The ministry is also considering the possibility of transferring the present dentistry centre (presently located at the Amiri Hospital) to a new location, tentatively decided to be behind the previous headquarters of the Red Crescent Society in Sharq.

The ministry proposes using the present site of the centre for expanding the Al Amiri Hospital.

The follow up and co-ordination department at the ministry is constantly engaged in ensuring that "top-of-the-shelf" dental services are provided and endeavours to continually upgrade dental expertise within the State of Kuwait, Bilal said.

# No more power failures: Rqobah

## Grid efficiency optimised

MINISTER of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah has said that the development of the electrical grid and adequate upgrading of the electrical control centre will help avert any possible power cut in the future.

Speaking to a local newspaper, he said that the ministry would be able to reconnect the power supply in the unfortunate event of a blackout in a matter of a few minutes and that all necessary precautions had been taken to avoid such a disconcerting eventuality or any technical fault no matter how trivial.

He said that the ministry was focusing its current attention on the development and further upgrading of its operating electrical grid and that a number of projects would be implemented to this effect at the end of the summer season.

He stressed the need for all ministry staff to strictly abide by the enforced disciplinary system at work, highlighting the ministry's intention to reward the hardworking and punish the lazy.

**Recommendations**

He said that the ministry had called in a number of technical experts from Britain, France and Sweden for the purpose of determining the causes of electrical failures in the existing grid, and that the recommendations adopted by these experts stressed the need to optimise the efficiency of this grid whereby it be able to survive sudden overloads and resultant high-tension currents.

He said the reasons contributing to the occurrence of power failures include the fact that Kuwait's electrical supply came from one single unconnected power grid, which could at any emergency overloads and be short-circuited, while in Western countries the power grid could at any emergency still receive electrical reinforcements from the floating air grid.

He underlined the need for electrical inter-connection among the countries of Gulf Co-operation Council in particular, and the Arab countries in general, whereby a continuous stable electrical feed supply could be guaranteed, and emergencies would soon be handled through the so-called circulatory stand-by system.

He spoke of his recent visit to Hungary, saying that the purpose was to further consolidate Kuwait's relations with Hungary in the field of electricity, since this country was one of the major pioneering countries in this vital sphere.

He said that his tour of a number of European countries took him also to West Germany where he visited the electrical control centre, which was mainly operated by a highly-sophisticated computer whereby failures could be identified and diagnosed.

On the problem of the discoloration of water, he said that the ministry had taken active steps towards eliminating the problem-causing agent through a chemical process involving the use of carbon dioxide, and that work was currently in progress to increase the concentration of this chemical in water by 50 to 60 particles per million, instead of the 10 to 15 particles per million.

He said that treated water had already been pumped to certain residential areas in the country and that residents were able to notice the difference in water clarity, while the repiping of the water networks was still going on.

# Technical expertise upgraded

## Kuwait at forefront of communication services

KUWAIT is the first among Arab countries to introduce satellite ground stations in the service of telecommunications and its "plethora" of inter-related technical applications. The first station was built in Umm Al Aish in 1969 and upgraded in 1981.

Other stations were subsequently also built to receive transmission relayed by the satellite from the Indian Ocean. The second station was built in 1977 and the third in 1982 to receive transmission broadcasted from the satellite over the Indian Ocean. The fourth station to receive ArabSat was inaugurated in 1985. These satellites with the inclusion of the axial cables with Iraq and Saudi Arabia provide Kuwait with permanent communication links with the world at any given time. Kuwait has over 1,000 communication links with the world, including six telecommunication stations.

**Post boxes**

Elucidating, the official said that a contract to manufacture and import 30,000 post boxes has been signed. New post offices will also be opened in some areas of the country. The postal code system introduced has been quite successful. However, the degree of its success largely lies in securing the co-operation of citizens in abiding by the instructions relating to writing the postal code on letters, using the specified size of envelopes and refraining from enclosing metal pins, clips or the like in mail envelopes.

**Postal codes**

Postal codes written in the wrong places also pose difficulties and are a major cause of "confusion" among the automation-sorting machines, and delaying postal services, the official said.

He went on to say that Kuwait is considered to be the pioneer in Arab countries that offers visual data service. This service was instituted in 1984 and offered to the public a short period ago. The ministry has contracted with a national company to market this service with the ministry undertaking the installation and maintenance of the equipment.

The ministry has installed these equipments for over 49 subscribers and is in the process of installing further equipment. The new service operates via the telephone for which the subscriber is expected to pay additional charges. The service includes more than 8,000 visual pages including several reports and information related to commercial activities, whether, news bulletins, law, commercial ads as well as radio and television programmes, the official said. He added that the ministry had agreed with the Touristic Enterprises Company to air videotex programmes at the sea clubs and utilities of the company.

Commenting on the magnetised card used for overseas calls, the official said that the ministry has installed 14 machines to facilitate use of this service. These machines have been placed at Safat Postal Centre and Raas Al Sahbiya, Hawalli and Fahadhel including the ministries complex. The ministry also expects to receive an additional 120 machines to cover all areas in Kuwait. These machines use the magnetised cards in the denomination of ten, five and three dinars respectively. The machines are incorporated with built-in lighting devices, which signal a 30-second time-limit before the end of the validity of the card, the official said.

Meanwhile, the director of local network department at the Ministry of Communications Waleed Al Bahar said that the ministry will invite a tender for the construction of the 101 information telephone service at the five governorates shortly. The ministry is also endeavouring to distribute the 101 service at various centres so as to reduce pressure on the main 101 centre.

**Telephones**

Given this background, Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub, the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Communications stressed that telephone services are available at all areas of Kuwait and the ministry is constantly upgrading its technical expertise to develop these services.

The official said that the ministry co-ordinated with other relevant ministries such as the Ministry of Planning and the National Housing Authority to offer telephone services to the newly built housing areas. He called on citizens who build their own houses to remove "construction debris" from the immediate vicinity where telephone cables and telephone boxes are situated. This is



Donation for Marylani Oronan

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) forwarded the cash donation contributed by its officers and members for the late Marylani Oronan. Kapilku President Manny Insento seen giving the cash to Lamberto Marin, Labour Attaché of the Philippine Embassy. Other Kapilku officials present were (L-R) Freddie Fernando, VP for Sports and Recreation, Lulu Alejo, AYP for Media and External Affairs, Secretary Rosale Austria, Manny, Marin, Charge d'Affaires (Ambassador Designate - UAE) Fortunato D. Obiena and Ojie Olor, VP for Welfare and Special Projects.

**Training for Kuwaiti prosecutors in Cairo**

THE undersecretary of Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs Naser Al Roumi has said that protocol of judicial co-operation signed between Kuwait and Egypt aims at training Kuwaiti judicial cadres.

The ministry deputed two groups of prosecutors (Class C) to attend training programmes at the Egyptian National Centre for Judicial Studies in Cairo. The first group consists of 14 prosecutors who completed the four months programme from October last year to last February. The other group consists of 16 prosecutors who underwent training from last February to last June. The programme consists of two parts - theory and practicals. The first includes studies relating to the procedures at courts and studying the penal code. The practical part includes visits to courts and prosecution offices as well as jails. Delegated prosecutors have immensely benefited from these programmes, the official said.

**Charity**

Bahrain has always been well known for its traditional hospitality and cosmopolitan atmosphere. The island has a unique tradition of welcoming a plethora of foreign workers over several centuries. Expatriates have always been given a free hand to organise their social, cultural and sporting activities in view of the country's liberal laws. This is perhaps why foreigners always feel of 'home' in this country. An expatriate immediately adapts to Bahrain the moment he arrives thanks to the local club of his countrymen. An expatriate club therefore can be called a home away from home. Bahrain itself is more like a large social club where people from all over the world live and work together in a rare spirit of camaraderie and friendship.

**EXPATRIATE** social life in Bahrain is confined mainly to the large number of clubs and associations established in the island by nationals of various countries to serve their particular community. To date there are over forty such institutions officially registered with the Directorate of Social Affairs, scattered throughout the country catering to a host of different nationalities. These places, which offer a variety of different social, cultural and sporting activities, are exclusively open to members and their guests.

The expatriate club has become something of an institution which not only offers a wide range of amenities and facilities for the entertainment of its members, but also performs the useful role in providing community service for people from a particular country. Some of these clubs and associations go back to several decades during the early days when expatriates first began to step into these shores in large numbers. A group of people from a particular country would get together and form a rendezvous for its community where members could unwind after a hard day's work in a friendly and cozy ambience. As the number of expatriates increased so also these organisations, each serving the leisure and recreational needs of different ethnic and national groups of people.

# Keep off prohibited sea zones: warning

KUWAIT, Aug 12 (KUNA): The Ministry of Interior called today on all fishermen as well as holiday makers to abide by regulations banning the entry into prohibited sea zones duly declared previously.

A ministry official cautioned against violations of the prohibited areas, saying necessary measures would be taken against trespassers.

The official specified anew the prohibited zones as the strip extending from Failaka northern mouth, north of Miskan Island, to include the northern Failaka island coast and the strip linking Ared Ouba area through Al Ahmadi gate towards the international waters.

The official, furthermore, announced a dusk-to-dawn ban of entry into all Kuwaiti territorial waters.

The ban excluded the Kuwait sea mouth extending from Dohat Kazma through southern Miskan Island without prejudice to the Ministry of Public Works' resolution concerning fishing in Kuwaiti territorial waters.

The ministry, however, called on the citizens to honour this prohibition and indicated that the Coast Guard department will see to the execution of the ban.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry announced that two persons were injured when a fire broke out yesterday at a workshop in Shuwaikh Industrial area. The ministry said that the fire totally damaged the workshop and a computer set used by the garage. The fire was caused by a misconnection of electric wires used by the garage.

The ministry also announced that a man reported the theft of his car. Jawhar S. a non-Kuwaiti, told Firdous police station that his car was stolen. Security authorities are investigating.

On the other hand, the Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah today paid a surprise inspection visit to Kuwait International Airport. He inspected terminal 1 and 2 and particularly inspected the security measures adopted at the airport and the working of the passport department. He gave his instructions and advice to employees for improving the standard of their work.

# Unification of customs duties on anvil: Ghanim

DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the General Customs Department Ibrahim Al Ghanim has said that a number of issues will be on the agenda of meetings to be held between GCC customs officials to discuss future plans. The agenda includes the merger of customs check-points centres, unification of customs duties, customs protection policies and exemptions.

He told a local daily that no progress has as yet been made with officials at the Ministry of Defence regarding the compulsory conscription of customs inspectors. This is intended to facilitate to spend the first four months with the Army but the rest of the term with the customs force.

**Staff**

The idea of recruiting university graduates in the customs force was at issue currently and contacts are in progress with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training officials to organise special training courses to qualify graduates for work in this field, the official said.

He stressed the department's intention to effect a staff-circulation policy following the implementation of a similar move with inspectors and supervisors operating at the country's air and land outlets.

He added that corrupt customs personnel were found anywhere in the world, including Kuwait, though the percentage in Kuwait is comparatively very low. Penal measures include referral to prosecution and dismissal from the service.

**Boycott**

The department is currently sponsoring a study nearing completion whereby freight trucks would have to unload into Kuwaiti lorries at check-points. This is intended to curb smuggling and alleviate the pressure on customs officials.

He denied the possibility of Israeli products finding access into Kuwaiti markets stressing ongoing efforts to co-ordinate boycotting measures with GCC member states.

He said inter-GCC co-operation in the field of customs services is commendable and covers the exchange of expertise, names of notorious smugglers, and ways to unify and co-ordinate customs measures in the region.

Stringent customs procedures are a necessity to counteract fraud due to the large amounts of unlabelled clothes imported from Turkey, Lebanon and Thailand, which would be labelled as made in France or Britain once these items were brought into the country.

Over half a million fake watches were imported into the country over the past three years, but such items were confiscated and re-routed to the country of origin.

Over 700 transactions involving such delicate customs procedures were daily processed by the airport authorities, Ghanim said.

He added that liquor bottles brought into the country will be confiscated but drugs including qat will entail the pressing of charges against the passenger involved.

The incorporation of women inspectors into the customs force is a success which enabled the seizure of contraband smuggled by women, including drugs, porno videos and arms.

# Health staff abuse must stop: Awadi

ENSURING the safety of physicians, other health staff, protecting their official status and providing a healthy working environment will contribute in no small measure towards maintaining and enhancing the level of medical services in the country - issues which are significantly occupying the concern of the Ministry of Public Health, the Planning Minister and acting Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said.

The official was commenting on a number of incidents in which physicians had been physically attacked during the course of their duties at hospitals and health centres by some misguided individuals.

He cited the case of the director of Farwaniya Health Area Dr Sulaiman Falah Al Ali who was attacked by a public relation employee at Farwaniya Hospital while he was inspecting the wards of the hospital last week.

The head of the South Ardhya Health Centre at Farwaniya Health Area was also abused and insulted by a female employee at the centre because he had refused her demand to shift her services to another health centre. In both cases, the culprits have been referred to authorities for investigation, the official said.

He added: "Such personal attacks on medical staff will not be tolerated or excused." Though this is a humane profession, the ministry will not hesitate to take both punitive and legal measures against any violators in this respect, Awadi commented.

Meanwhile, Dr Ibrahim Al Yaseen, chairman of Dentists Society echoing the sentiments of Awadi criticised the policy of employing candidates with sub-standard qualifications and experience.

# Home away from home for expats

EXPATRIATE social life in Bahrain is confined mainly to the large number of clubs and associations established in the island by nationals of various countries to serve their particular community. To date there are over forty such institutions officially registered with the Directorate of Social Affairs, scattered throughout the country catering to a host of different nationalities. These places, which offer a variety of different social, cultural and sporting activities, are exclusively open to members and their guests.

The expatriate club has become something of an institution which not only offers a wide range of amenities and facilities for the entertainment of its members, but also performs the useful role in providing community service for people from a particular country. Some of these clubs and associations go back to several decades during the early days when expatriates first began to step into these shores in large numbers. A group of people from a particular country would get together and form a rendezvous for its community where members could unwind after a hard day's work in a friendly and cozy ambience. As the number of expatriates increased so also these organisations, each serving the leisure and recreational needs of different ethnic and national groups of people.

# Home away from home for expats

Bahrain has always been well known for its traditional hospitality and cosmopolitan atmosphere. The island has a unique tradition of welcoming a plethora of foreign workers over several centuries. Expatriates have always been given a free hand to organise their social, cultural and sporting activities in view of the country's liberal laws. This is perhaps why foreigners always feel of 'home' in this country. An expatriate immediately adapts to Bahrain the moment he arrives thanks to the local club of his countrymen. An expatriate club therefore can be called a home away from home. Bahrain itself is more like a large social club where people from all over the world live and work together in a rare spirit of camaraderie and friendship.

The expatriate club in Bahrain also serves its host country by engaging in frequent fund-raising events for numerous charitable causes year around. Members actively participate in major events to raise money for both national and international charitable causes. Every year a major festival is held to raise funds when all clubs and associations participate by setting up their respective stalls and selling a wide range of items and foodstuffs.

The oldest expatriate club in Bahrain is the Bahrain Sports Club founded in 1913 by a group of Indian merchants and is generally regarded as the club for all Indians in the island. There are about a couple of dozen other Indian organisations representing different ethnic groups from India. The Indian community forms the majority among expatriates in Bahrain.

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# Little Mr and Ms Philippines set for Aug 25

KAPISANANG Pilipino sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their most awaited Little Mr and Miss Philippines - Kuwait on Friday, August 25 at Showbiz Pizza Place at 3:00 pm.

Twenty-six children are vying for the coveted titles which the winners will receive \$100.00 each donated by The City International Exchange Co., W.L.L. Mr/Miss Metro Manila, Mr/Miss Luzon, Mr/Miss Visayas and Mr/Miss Mindanao who are runners-up will receive valuable prizes plus trophies courtesy by Marina Laygo and Atty. Mohd Zaid Al-Awadi. Special prizes for Mr/Miss Friendship, Talent, Photogenic, Best in Gown and Suit/Attire will be awarded and will receive gifts from the sponsors.

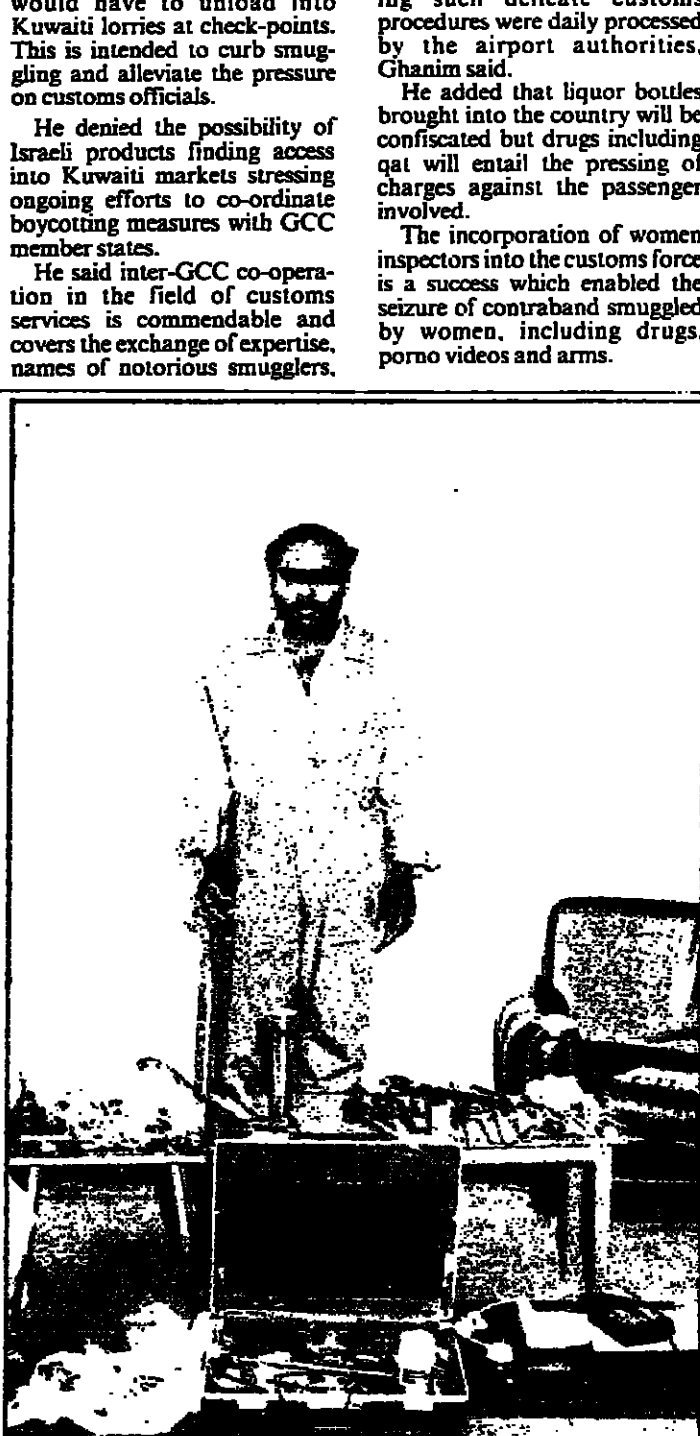
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Pacman contest to all the children will be an added attraction and the winners will receive prizes courtesy by Adawiah Universal Electronics Co.

The final rehearsal will be held on Friday, August 18, at Keifan Gym at 2:00 pm. All participants must come and report to Chairman Secretary Rosale Austria and Juan Mercado, vice-chairman. For particulars please contact Chairman/Vice chairman or VP Sarah Macarimbang on telephone 4843447.

# Thief arrested

Raju H, an Indian national was arrested for breaking and entering into a number of shops in Shuwaikh, Saliya and Farwaniya areas.



Thief arrested

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## ARAB TIMES

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ANGER is momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you — Horace, Roman poet-satirist (65 B.C. - 8 B.C.)

## PRESS REVIEW

THE Palestinian uprising and the stone-throwing tactics have succeeded in focusing once again the world attention on finding a solution to the Palestinian problem, according to an article published here today.

Writing in the Independence newspaper, Catriona Drew, who worked last year as an international law researcher in Gaza, said now as the intifada was entering its 21st month, things are changing.

"For the first time in 40 years the Palestinians are experiencing a new phenomenon — hope," added the British researcher.

Turning to the major implications of the uprising, she observed that now the US, Britain and even Israel, indirectly, are talking to the PLO. She noted that many countries have recognised last year's declaration of independence of a Palestinian state issued in Algiers.

Catriona Drew recalled that many Palestinians were being killed in Gaza, where she worked, including children and women and in the last week alone more than 400 Gazans have been injured.

She referred to the Israeli Army brutality against the Palestinians and she said the children have "renamed the Israeli forces, the Israeli terrorist forces".

Quoting UN officials, the writer said that Israeli soldiers had recently entered the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza at dawn and "pulled clothes from washing lines, soaking them in petrol and setting fire to them inside the houses".

"They smashed furniture, broke telephones, fans and radios, and beat the children," the article added.

"Such incidents are by no means exceptional, they are part of what has become normal life during the intifada," it indicated.

The writer pointed out that many Palestinians spoke to in Gaza had expressed increasing concern at the lack of progress.

"We have given up everything and Israel has given up nothing" is a familiar refrain.

On the Israeli election plan, she quoted Palestinians as describing the idea as a "non-starter, an attempt to bypass the PLO and appease international opinion, rather than recognise Palestinian rights".

The abduction of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid is seen as yet another "Zionist plot designed to focus attention away from events in the occupied territories".

The researcher stressed that there is a widespread belief among the Palestinians that Israel is not interested in finding a peaceful solution to the conflict. (KUNA)

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A United Arab Emirates newspaper denounced the US position toward the Palestinian issue.

"On every occasion, the US insists on showing its full bias towards Israel and keenness on the security of the Jewish entity," the Abu Dhabi-based *Al Itihad* said.

"When armed attacks take the form of Israeli aggression on civilian Palestinians, then they mean nothing to Washington. But when such attacks take the form of raids by the PLO with the aim of regaining their usurped land, then this will be a source of concern to Washington and prompts it to seek action to stop them."

It said the US position towards the Palestinian issue is strange and lacks the "simplest rules of equality between a superpower as the US and other parties dealing with it."

"It is a position which is characterized by an absolute bias towards the Zionists without any considerations for the justice of the Palestinian cause," it said. (KUNA)

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A United Arab Emirates English language daily today urged the Gulf states to play a greater role in the international money market.

The Dubai-based *Khaleej Times* in an editorial said the slide of the US dollar and the rise of European and Japanese currencies provides comfort to the people in the Gulf states.

"A weakening of the dollar erodes savings in this region what with oil priced in the US currency and the local currency itself linked to the dollar by a fixed parity which has not been altered for almost a decade."

"Thus while people and governments in this area lose out on the dollar they also suffer on account of a strong sterling."

The paper said the Gulf states who have organised themselves into a "forceful" element in the oil market should now turn their attention to currencies.

"Among the GCC states Saudi Arabia has considerable weight in financial markets because of its reserves and strong and stable relations with western banks," the *Khaleej Times* noted.

"With the kingdom in the lead, the Gulf states should together take a long, hard look at how they can influence currencies, not only for the benefit of their states but also to the advantage of every one living in this area," it said.

GULF Arab newspapers criticised the attitude of the United States towards the main PLO group Fatah's political programme, saying Washington was siding with Israel.

The Qatari daily *Asharq* said American criticism of the programme, announced on Tuesday after a Fatah congress in Tunis, "reaffirms it (Washington) is still looking solely after Israel's interest and security and ignoring everything else."

The programme, also criticised by Israel, said Fatah would continue to "intensify and escalate armed action and all forms of struggle to eliminate the Zionist Israeli occupation."

US State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the programme's "derogatory rhetoric on Israel, its tone of confrontation and violence and its preference for unrealistic principles... are unhelpful."

Fatah issued a new, softer statement on Friday affirming commitment to "the principles of international legitimacy which give our people the right to practise all forms of struggle, including armed struggle, to confront the hateful Israeli occupation."

"America has disregarded all positive points contained in the programme and the fact that the Palestinian stand cannot ignore armed struggle in confronting Israeli rejection of all peace initiatives," *Asharq* said.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1521 — Hernando Cortez, Spanish conqueror, captures Mexico City from Aztec Indians.

1624 — France's King Louis XIII names Cardinal Richelieu as First Minister.

1784 — Britain's India Act places East India Company under government-appointed board of control.

1788 — Prussia joins Anglo-Dutch alliance to form triple alliance for preserving peace in Europe.

1792 — French revolutionaries imprison France's Royal Family.

1814 — Cape of Good Hope province becomes a British colony.

1898 — US forces in Philippines capture Manila from Spaniards in Spanish-American war.

1937 — Japanese attack Chinese city of Shanghai.

1945 — World Zionist congress demands admission of one million Jews to Palestine.

1961 — East Germany seals off border between East and West Berlin, closing Brandenburg Gate to halt flight of refugees from East Germany.

1962 — Ghana expels Archbishop of West Africa.

1967 — US bombers pound targets in North Vietnam, strike a railway and highway bridge 15 kilometres from China border.

1976 — South Africa pledges support for US effort to bring about negotiated settlement in Rhodesia, saying failure would invite communist intervention.

1978 — Explosion in Palestinian building in Beirut kills 150 to 200 people, including members of Palestine Liberation Organization and its pro-Iraqi rival, Palestine Liberation Front.

1986 — East Germans celebrate 25th anniversary of Berlin Wall with massive rally and military parade.

1987 — Treasure hunters are reported to have found one of the Titanic's legendary safes.

1988 — Radical students battle riot police in Seoul, vowing to reach North Korean border for unification talks.

India responsible for deforestation

## Nepal digs in for feud

THE crops are in and monsoon rains are drenching Nepal. Most tourists have gone home and the Himalayan kingdom on the roof of the world is digging in for a long feud with India.

India stopped sending petrol and other essential commodities to its landlocked neighbour in March after the two countries failed to agree terms for new trade treaties.

Nepal imposed fuel rationing when New Delhi last month closed the Calcutta terminal through which the kingdom had been importing oil from other countries.

The scars of the dispute will linger longest in the hills of this rugged country, home to eight of the world's 10 highest mountains, where deforestation is accelerating because of the fuel crisis.

An average 100 trucks a day rumble into the Kathmandu valley with loads of firewood for cooking.

"The government had just made great strides in getting people to switch over to kerosene for cooking before India cut off the oil pipeline," a Western diplomat said. "Now its back to wholesale destruction of the forests."

The English-language daily *The Rising Nepal* said India's action was aimed at ruining the economy.

"The intention appears to be to create a situation in which Nepal would have no alternative but to agree to India's terms," it said in an editorial.

India denies this. But the shrill rhetoric indicates how badly ties have deteriorated.

Trade was the ostensible reason for the breakdown but New Delhi was also angry at Nepal's courtship of China, especially its purchase from Peking last year of small arms and anti-aircraft guns.

India also contrasts Nepal's monarchy and alleged human-rights violations with its own boisterous democracy.

## Breakdown

Since the breakdown in relations, Nepal, one of the world's 10 least developed countries, has appeared determined to wean itself from Indian cultural and economic dominance.

The government announced in July it was banning Indian currency, hitherto used freely, and has barred more than 50 Indian magazines. State-run newspapers said they were "polluting the Nepalese mind and atmosphere."

Indian films, one of the most popular entertainments in Nepal, have been held up at the border, one Nepal film distributor complained.

Both sides insist they want to negotiate. Neither will set a date.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said he once called Kathmandu for talks on the crisis to be held Nepal's absolute monarch, King Birendra, was on a hunting expedition and would not be back for a month.

Kathmandu vows it will not back down, even though the government's annual economic survey released last month said the dispute had crippled industry, put people out of work and stalled big foreign-aid projects.

Nepali officials say privately that India is bullying its smaller neighbours as it improves ties with old enemies Pakistan and China.

The quarrel has been overshadowed by India's dispute with its southern neighbour Sri Lanka over the withdrawal of the 45,000-strong Indian peacekeeping force. One Delhi columnist sneered recently that India, which last year swiftly crushed a coup attempt in the Maldives islands, is "shouldering the brown man's burden on the subcontinent."

Kathmandu stresses its sovereignty is at stake in the feud. "The dispute with India is one way (Nepal's) political elite can derive legitimacy," said Nepal's former finance secretary Devendra Raj Pandey, head of a private research group.

"They see it as an historical thing, declaring



Despite more than \$200 million in development aid each year, poverty is actually rising in the tiny Himalayan kingdom and India's trade restrictions are not helping.

political and economic independence from India," he said.

But Pandey said impoverished Nepal had gained from its relationship with its "big brother" to the south.

There are an estimated three million Nepalis working in India — about one-sixth of the 18 million population — including 100,000 Gurkhas in the Indian Army.

"Almost every family in Nepal has a relative working in India. The Nepal government is playing with fire," Pandey said. (Kathmandu — Reuters)

## Consensus on withdrawal

## Indian troops hinder political settlement

ALL sides in Sri Lanka's bloody civil strife, including India, agree on at least one thing: the 45,000-strong Indian peacekeeping force should leave the island as soon as possible.

Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa thinks tomorrow is not a moment too soon. The Tamil rebels in the north and the Sinhalese rebels in the south would have preferred it yesterday.

"Not one minute longer than necessary," said India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in a recent speech.

His latest proposal, though, is to pull out all the soldiers by early next year, after Indian general elections due by December.

The troops, invited in by Sri Lanka two years ago

to quell a Tamil rebellion, have now become an obstacle to a political settlement of Sri Lanka's bloody vendettas, diplomats and analysts say.

"The presence of Indian troops profoundly distorts the political picture in Sri Lanka," said Bhabar Sen Gupta of India's Centre for Policy Research.

Gupta said both rebel groups, sworn enemies, have the same strategy: whip up support in their communities by depicting India's troops as an army of occupation in northern Sri Lanka.

India has made three withdrawals totalling 2,000 troops since July 29. A distraught Premadasa had ordered all Indian troops to leave the country by that date.

"He didn't really expect them to leave then, but he

had to keep faith at the rebel peace talks," an Asian diplomat said.

Premadasa, elected President earlier this year, began talks with leaders of the hardline Tamil Tigers guerrilla group in June.

He has also begun talks with the Marxist-led People's Liberation Front. The front, from the majority Sinhalese community, is accused of 2,700 political killings in the past two years.

Both rebel outfits demand the removal of Indian troops as a major condition in the talks.

There seems to be little or no chance that a vastly outnumbered Sri Lankan Army will attempt to force the Indians out, diplomats said.

India has 50 million Tamils in its south, mostly ruled by opposition parties, and has declared it will not leave until the safety and security of the Sri Lankan Tamils is assured.

New Delhi fears the Tigers, which it once backed, will slaughter other Tamil groups to win total power in the region.

The outlines of a troop withdrawal plan, linked to more autonomy and security for the minority Tamils, emerged after week-long talks last week in Delhi.

India is offering to pull out 1,500 soldiers a week, a process that would bring all the troops home by February, according to proposals submitted to the Sri Lankan Parliament this week for debate.

Indian troops would also observe a 15-day extendable ceasefire against the Tigers.

India has also proposed a Tamil reconciliation council consisting of all Tamil groups, the Sri Lankan government and Indian peacekeeping officers, which would design a Tamil-run government for the troubled northeast provinces of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka has submitted counter-proposals to parliament, including a complete Indian withdrawal by mid-September and an unconditional ceasefire with the Tigers. Colombo agrees in principle to the reconciliation council.

"A withdrawal in dribslets takes the edge off of Sri Lankan complaints," Gupta said. "But these next six months can do a great deal of damage to its political fabric."

"Rajiv is looking to make a peace with honour," said a Western diplomat in a wry reference to the US withdrawal from Vietnam. "But he should have something to show from this expensive engagement in an election year."

India has lost nearly 1,000 men and has spent \$300 million in the war against the Tigers.

Diplomats say India appears to be using the peacekeeping force to execute a two-prong strategy, sending soldiers into the jungle to flush out the Tigers and force them into peace talks while holding out a troop withdrawal to extract concessions for the Tamils from Colombo.

"The ultimate solution to the problem is a political one, not a military one," General Amarjit Singh Kalkat, commander of the Indian peacekeeping force told reporters at his headquarters in Sri Lanka recently.

"The role of the military is to create a climate conducive to political initiative," he said. (Reuters New Delhi)

## End of an era

## Communists demoralised

POLAND'S ruling Communist Party is so demoralised and divided that one-third of its members think it will not hold power by 1993 and some of its leaders say it might be better to break it up.

The party's choice as prime minister, General Czeslaw Kiszczak, has been unable to form a government since he took up his job on August 2, and once docile communist parliamentarians are challenging orders from central party organs.

The Solidarity opposition wants to form its own government without communist participation, and two small political parties that were once completely loyal to the Communists are preparing to discuss the proposal with the opposition.

In short, communist and opposition sources say, the party has never looked less like the authoritarian monolith which seized power in 1944, suppressed its opponents and vowed to lead Poles, willing or not, into a bright new communist future.

"We are dealing with the end of the era of a state party," said Marek Krol, 36, who was catapulted last month into the powerful position of party central committee secretary for propaganda.

"Most people of my age believe that the present mould of the party, sluggish, immobile and merged into one with the government executive authority, is out of date. I do not think there is time for another overhaul or facelift," Krol said.

Like many Hungarian Communists, Krol and fellow-reformers such as Politburo member Leszek Miller say the party's radical wing must consider breaking away, perhaps at a congress this year, to ensure their political power does not disintegrate.

"I think that if we opt for cosmetic surgery instead of a serious operation — by which I mean either the 11th congress of the party, or the first congress of a new party organising a broad front of the left wing — then we shall be doomed to self-annihilation," Krol told the newspaper *Sztandar Mlodych*.

Rarely popular with ordinary Poles, the party was stunned in June when Solidarity won 260 of the 261 seats it was allowed to contest in parliamentary elections.

## Fell

Official statistics show party membership fell by 35,000 in the first six months of this year. It now has just over two million members, compared with more than 3.1 million in mid-1980 just before Solidarity's emergence.

Worse still, Polish surveys show that one-third of members believe the party will not form a programme capable of winning completely free elections that are tentatively set for 1993, according to the party journal *Polityka*.

It quoted one communist deputy as saying: "Arrogance, conceit and stupidity thrive to this day. No contacts are maintained with the people... without a definite change in the party's shape, we stand no chance in the next elections."

The party chose former prime minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski as its leader last month to arrest its decline. Rakowski is an architect of Poland's current reforms, but he attracts a contempt among ordinary Poles rare even for communists.

Everybody knew that Rakowski had his sights set for years on the first secretary's post... but he became prime minister and now first secretary only in time to put out the lights," a Solidarity source said.

However, as Solidarity leaders often caution, the party has not switched out the lights just yet. It controls the armed forces and the security police, and a network of personnel and institutional ties connect it closely to the Soviet Union.

"There are certain ministries which are extremely sensitive and important for the country's defence, for our allies, and for our military, economic and other obligations," said the speaker of Poland's parliament, Mikolaj Kozakiewicz.

"If they were not filled by representatives of the Communist Party, this could cause many problems and threaten the process taking place in our country... and which are taking place or could take place in other countries," he said. (Reuters Warsaw)

## Quote me

"So many Catholics were killed by the A-bombs that it was thought of as punishment from God." — Masahito Hirose, a survivor of the US nuclear bombing of Nagasaki ending World War II.

"There is pain in Spain. Only a madman could imagine that a fortnight in that typhoid-infested country could ever be described as fun." — Spain's daily newspaper *Star* said about a report of tourism.

"The way we look at it we're more besieged than ever before." — Robert Kerr, a Northern Ireland resident said after an IRA bomb exploded during a Protestant parade to mark the end of an Roman Catholic siege 300 years ago.

"There is a dynamic of peace in international diplomacy. Why not follow it in regional affairs?" — Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos said after talks with Zaire.

"I've not even thought about the cup because I had a back injury earlier this year which I'm still getting over." — Derrick Cooper said after he took lead in York International Golf Championship.

"Today is a great day for Cyprus. Fifteen years of hard work in securing our artifacts, our cultural heritage, have not been wasted." — Michael Kyriakou, senior counsel of the Republic of Cyprus said after the US order to return the mosaics to Cyprus.

"I'll try to make it as short as possible. I don't want this to drag on for weeks. Hopefully, we can get a ruling in a day or two." — Randy Gordon, New York State Athletic Commission said about Don King's charges against Mike Tyson's contract with his manager.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, quite the contrary, I believe, Mickey believes, we all believe that the United States can do anything we set our minds to." — Alina Newsom, press secretary of Mickey Leland said about the search for his missing plane.

"Nobody can remain impassive to the pursuit of destructive fighting hitting an entire people." — French statement about the shelling in Beirut said.



## MIDEAST

# US asks for 'full talks' with PLO

Fatah programme may be clarified

TUNIS, Aug. 12. (Reuters): The United States has asked the PLO for a fourth round of full talks and the meeting will probably take place in the next few days, a PLO official said today.

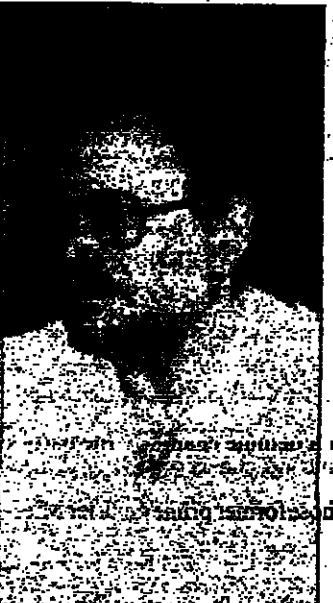
Khaled Al-Hassan, a leading member of the main PLO group Fatah, told Reuters the Americans had put the suggestion to PLO Ambassador to Tunisia Hakam Balawi, who accepted immediately.

The United States is likely to ask the PLO to clarify a new Fatah political programme which the US State Department said was unhelpful and raised questions about Fatah's commitment to peace with Israel.

The programme called for "intensifying and escalating armed action and all forms of struggle to eliminate the Zionist Israeli occupation of our occupied Palestinian land."



Umm Jihad and Abbas Zaki, two new members of Fatah Central Committee.



Mohamed Ghoneim (left) re-elected and Sakhr Habash, a newcomer to Fatah Central Committee. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israel has described the programme as a step backwards and a sign that Fatah is committed to the destruction of Israel.

PLO officials have dismissed the uproar as a storm in a teacup, saying no Fatah leader had ever renounced the use of military force to achieve an independent Palestinian state.

Hassan said no date has been set but a meeting could take place on Monday.

Another PLO official who asked not to be named said later it was not clear if US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau wanted a formal round of talks or just a meeting with Balawi.

In a formal round, Pelletreau and two embassy colleagues would meet PLO delegation leader Yasser Abed Rabbo, Balawi and Abu Jaafar of the PLO's political (foreign affairs) department.

It would be the first such meeting since June 8, when the PLO proposed that PLO-approved Palestinians from inside and outside the occupied territories meet the Israelis to discuss Israel's plan for elections.

The PLO suggested two prominent Palestinians who are also US citizens — Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughud — as possible members of such a delegation.

The United States has not yet responded to the proposal or to an earlier PLO request for a definition of the political rights of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

On Friday, Fatah issued a second political statement which was less strongly worded than the original programme.

The statement reserved the Palestinian people's right to armed struggle but did not say they planned to escalate it.

The final declaration reiterated the call to intensify the uprising, mobilising "all means" available. It also called for the reinforcement of the uprising's unified command and developing a role for people's committees.

The congress reiterated Fatah's rejection of "all forms of terrorism, notably state terrorism." But it reaffirmed its "right to use all means, including armed struggle, to confront the Israeli occupation, in conformity with United Nations declarations on the rights of the Palestinian people."

The final statement deplored the slow pace of the US-PLO dialogue, which got underway Dec. 16. It called on the Americans to "clearly recognise the right of Palestinians to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state having Jerusalem as its capital, and to depart from their partially vis-a-vis Israel."

Israel showed no joy today at the milder tone from Palestinians.

"It's completely meaningless," said Avi Pinner, spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, of yesterday's statement from Fatah.

Pinner preferred to stress the political programme adopted by a Fatah congress in Tunis three days before.

"I would say (Tuesday's) decisions by Fatah are self-incriminating statements by a terrorist organisation which has managed for some months to disperse misinformation about its real and true aims," he said.

"No attempt by Fatah now to try for the ears of the Western world in order to cover up its true aims will succeed. They will be judged by world opinion for what they are — a terrorist organisation incapable of changing its policies and strategy."

Pinner said the political programme's emphasis on Israel as the occupier of all of Palestine proved that resolutions last year by the PLO's parliament-in-exile were insincere.

## Group of masked men kill 2 Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (UPI): Palestinians killed two Arabs suspected of working for Israeli security forces today, including a teacher who was attacked and slain by a group of masked men at a village schoolhouse in the occupied West Bank.

Troops dispersing violent demonstrations in the occupied Gaza Strip fatally shot a three-year-old girl playing near the clashes, Arab reports said today.

At least eleven Palestinians were wounded by gunfire in confrontations with the Army in the Gaza Strip today, hospital officials said. Three others were shot and wounded in West Bank clashes, radio and Arab reports said.

The killings in the West Bank came several hours after Israeli and South Lebanon Army troops thwarted an attempt by commandos to infiltrate into Israel, an army spokesman said. One commando was wounded and captured in the incident, the spokesman said.

Palestinian sources said Jamal Taha, 31, was attacked by a group of masked men at the school where he worked in Bid'awi Village, 20 miles (32 km) northwest of occupied Jerusalem. He had been either stabbed to death or hanged, the sources said.

An attacker in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, stabbed to death Morshed Al-Kinani, 55, as he walked through the centre of the town at about 11 am, Palestinian sources said.

Both men apparently were slain because they were suspected of working for the Israeli security forces, the sources said. At least 596 Palestinians have been killed since the start of the 20-month-old uprising, including more than 80 who were slain by other Arabs.

Soldiers wounded an 85-year-old man and a 58-year-old man during a two-hour confrontation with Gaza residents along Omar Mukhtar Street, which runs through the heart of the commercial district in downtown Gaza City, Palestinian sources said.

Thwarted In other violence, Israeli and South Lebanon Army soldiers thwarted an attempt by commandos to infiltrate into Israel and attack a northern urban area, an army spokesman said.

The soldiers, patrolling the security zone in south Lebanon shortly after midnight, spotted several commandos and opened fire, wounding and capturing one and forcing the rest to flee, the spokesman said.

The Army did not immediately identify what organisation was behind the raid or whether it was linked to the Israeli abduction nearly two weeks ago of Shiite Muslim cleric Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, a leader of the Hezbollah group.

Israel has faced several raids since abducting Obeid, including a powerful pickup bomb attack that wounded one SLA and five Israeli soldiers. Israel said it abducted the Sheikh in an attempt to force Hezbollah to negotiate the release of three Israeli soldiers held captive in Lebanon.

Condemns A Palestinian commando group urged the United Nations today to intervene following Israel's decision to double the period of detention without trial.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) condemned "this barbaric act of detaining Palestinians for one year without a trial."

"This decision is a clear example of Israel's heedless policy towards human rights and its continuous violations of all international conventions and mandates," it said in a statement sent to Reuters in Nicosia.

Israel, in an attempt to tighten its grip over the occupied territories, yesterday doubled from six months to one year the period it may jail Palestinians without trial.

The DFLP statement called on UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, "all peace-loving" countries and humanitarian institutions to intervene to stop what it termed a "murderous policy". It condemned the United States for its silence over Israeli actions.



Living in ruins

In the top photo a Lebanese family who fled from Beirut to escape daily shelling asks about the security situation on Friday after overnight shelling in the capital killed 23 and wounded 125. In the bottom photo, a handicapped man in Muslim west Beirut stands Saturday near a shop devastated by some of the most savage bombings which hit the city in five months of battles. At least 47 people were killed in 48 hours. (Reuters wirephotos)

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Theologian remanded

CAIRO, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Blind theologian Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and 23 militant Muslim followers were taken back to jail this week right after a court ordered them freed, security sources said today.

A three-judge security court ordered on Thursday that they be released pending trial on charges arising from April riots in the oasis town of Fayoum.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr immediately signed detention orders under Egypt's emergency laws, security sources said. They were taken back to a maximum security prison in Cairo.

### Report presented

GENEVA, Aug. 12. (KUNA): Dr Nabil Elaraby, ambassador and permanent representative of Egypt to the United Nations in Geneva yesterday presented the ninth and tenth periodic reports of his country on the subject of elimination of racial discrimination.

In his statement before the international committee yesterday on the elimination of racial discrimination, Ambassador Elaraby noted that the international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination had become an essential part of the Egyptian legislation from the date it was ratified.

### Bahrain to host

MANAMA, Aug. 12. (KUNA): Bahrain will be the host country of the Gulf — America conference next March, which is aimed at identifying joint co-operation and investment possibilities between the United States and Gulf Co-operation Council's businessmen, GulfNewsAgency reported.

A big number of American businessmen and companies and their counterparts in the Gulf Co-operation Council countries will participate in the conference in addition to several Gulf officials and secretary-general of the council, the agency said.

### US envoy meets

ABU DHABI, Aug. 12. (KUNA): The American permanent representative to the United Nations Thomas Shannon today met here with head of the United Arab Emirates Presidential Diwan Sheikh Sorur Bin Mohammed and talks tackled bilateral relations.

The American official arrived here earlier today on an official two-day visit that comes within the framework of a tour to some of the region's countries to discuss bilateral relations and to exchange views on current developments in the area.

### Jordanian message

AMMAN, Aug. 12. (KUNA): A high ranking Jordanian envoy today proceeded for Rabat, Morocco, carrying a message from Jordanian Monarch King Hussein to Hassan II of Morocco.

The political advisor of King Hussein Adnan Abu Ouda will hold on the side line of his mission to Rabat meetings with Moroccan officials to review the Arab current developments and issues of mutual concern.

The message is believed to deal with the current explosive situation in Lebanon and the Arab efforts to end the crisis in that war-torn country.

### Jordan cabinet

AMMAN, Aug. 12. (KUNA): Official sources told KUNA here today that the Jordanian cabinet will hold an extraordinary session within the coming 48 hours to fix a date for parliamentary elections in the country.

They said that the elections day will most probably fall in first half of coming November.

Jordanian monarch King Hussein last July 30 passed a decree calling for general elections the date of which is to be determined by the cabinet.

Registration of eligible voters in various constituencies are scheduled to end by next Tuesday.

### Official visit

BUDAPEST, Aug. 12. (KUNA): Judit Csebak, the Hungarian minister for social and health affairs, will leave for a six-day official visit to Israel tomorrow at the invitation of Yaacov Cur, Israeli minister of health.

During her stay in occupied Palestine Csebak will visit a number of medical institutions, health centres and industrial establishments related to health affairs, including the Weizmann Institute, which has close contacts with the Szeged (south Hungarian) biological institute, and the Teva Pharmaceutical Factory.

### Proceedings dropped

BERNE, Aug. 12. (KUNA): The Swiss government has dropped legal proceedings against two Iranians residing in Geneva who were being tried on charges of spying, a Swiss daily reported yesterday.

Le Courrier said that the federal council had decided to drop the charges against the two Iranians because of fear of Iranian reprisal on them if they divulged information.

The two Iranians were working for the Iranian consul in Geneva, Manoucher Tale, who was himself expelled from Switzerland on March 29 on account of "illegal activities."

### Hassan to visit Spain

MADRID, Aug. 12. (KUNA): King Hassan II of Morocco is scheduled to pay an official visit to Spain on September 25-27, Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Ordonez said.

The visit was scheduled to take place long time ago, yet it was every time postponed by the Moroccan for different reasons most of them related to the tension in Moroccan-Spanish relations.

### Trying to identify

LONDON, Aug. 12. (KUNA): British immigration officials were today trying to identify a Moroccan who left home to visit relatives in Paris, and ended up strolling down a main motorway in northern England.

The 17-year-old, who was not carrying a passport or any other identification papers, was picked up by police in south Yorkshire.

## Plea for Turks in Bulgaria

# 'Restore rights'

VIENNA, Aug. 12. (AP): Bulgarian intellectuals have called on authorities to restore the ethnic and religious rights of minority Turks, and three people publishing their plight are being tried, exile sources reported.

An assimilation campaign in 1984 and 1985 and the current exodus of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Turks are fueling increasing dissent in Bulgaria, whose authorities are drafting emergency labour teams into fields and factories to help offset the drain on manpower.

Exile sources have reported that Bulgarian intellectuals have sent at least two petitions to authorities calling for a review of ethnic policies.

Bulgarians will need travel visas to enter Norway for the first time in 18 years because the government fears that ethnic Turks driven from Bulgaria will seek asylum here.

The Norwegian Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Norway will cancel a long-standing agreement with Bulgaria that eliminated the need to apply for a visa in advance.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two ethnic Turks and a Bulgarian woman of Romanian descent were to go on trial in the Black Sea resort of Varna yesterday, but the closed-door proceedings were postponed until next Thursday, reportedly because the woman could not get a defence lawyer.

The three were identified as Shukri Sherifov, Ali Topalov and Marieta Octavian Liviu, who helped draft the message and provided her telephone to reach Western radio stations.

According to the exile sources, the three are charged under Article 273 of the Bulgarian penal code calling for imprisonment of up to two years for slandering state power.

The families of Sherifov and Topalov were said to be among the 250,000 or so ethnic Turks who have fled Bulgaria for Turkey since May because they say they are prevented from exercising their religious and ethnic rights.

Bulgarian exiles in Vienna speculated the Varna case might be a test of domestic and international reaction before a bigger political trial of six leading political activists detained recently in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital.

The current wave of unrest in Bulgaria began after at least seven ethnic Turks died in May in protests against the 1984-1985 assimilation campaign that forced them to change their names and to stop speaking Turkish in public. Western diplomats in Sofia believe up to 30 people were killed in the disturbances.

## Arabs protest chem allegation

GENEVA, Aug. 12. (KUNA): Three Arab states yesterday registered strong protest before a human rights sub-committee in Geneva against allegations that they were producing chemical weapons.

At the session of the sub-committee on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities, David Littman of the World Union for Progressive Judaism alleged that four Middle East countries — Iraq, Iran, Syria and Libya — "continued to expand massively their chemical warfare capacity."

Littman also accused European companies and those in South Asia and China of having been active participants in the sale of chemicals, technology

and software. He added that 42 German firms had been publicly identified as participants in the business.

Exercising his right of reply, the observer for Iraq, Mohamed Al-Douri said it would have been more proper if the representative of the non-governmental organisation had spoken about the situation in Palestine and the practice of torture against the Palestinians.

The Libyan delegate, Ibrahim Omar, said Littman represented only the Zionist movement, which was recognised by the UN as a form of racism.

The Syrian observer, Sami Ghalib, stated that some of the statements made by Littman could be harmful to its work.

## Riot death toll higher than official estimate: Barre

ROME, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre was quoted today as saying the number of people killed in riots last month was higher than the official estimate of 23.

He said in an interview published by the Italian magazine L'Espresso: "We don't yet know exactly how many died. The number is definitely higher than the official figure released initially."

"That's because many of the wounded,

who died subsequently, were hidden in houses."

Rebels have accused the government of killing more than 1,500 people in three days of protests which began after Muslim prayer services on July 14.

Somali authorities said protesters armed with stones, sticks and knives attacked policemen and soldiers.

Siad Barre, who has ruled the East African country for 20 years, said the 400

deaths estimated by human rights organisations was an exaggeration.

More than 6,000 Somalis fleeing fresh clashes between government troops and rebels have crossed into Ethiopia in the past 11 days, a senior UN official said today.

Albert-Alain Peters, Africa representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said in an interview he had been informed about

the new influx by the Ethiopian government.

Ethiopia already hosts up to 400,000 Somalis who fled a bloody war between Somali security forces and rebels of the Somali National Movement (SNM) in the northern towns of Borao and Hargeisa in 1988.

Peters said the latest batch of Somali refugees came from the Borama and Zeila regions of northern Somalia.



## Prime time for fabulous fifties

## Older is definitely better

By Alex Mohoy

SHIRLEY MACLAINE is living proof that reaching 50 is no big deal. Currently preparing to play Twenties flapper Louise Brooks, 54-year-old Shirley — who portrays the silent screen star in later years — looks as good as she did when she first started.

Her face barely shows a line and her famous figure is just as slim — a tribute to her daily exercise routine. Her dancer's legs are as glorious as ever.

So move over, bimbos. The word is out in Hollywood that older is definitely better. The most dazzling and desirable women around are those who have passed the 50 mark. And with their spectacular looks people like Sophia Loren, Angie Dickinson and Kim Novak are still raising temperatures and breaking hearts.

But what is the secret that allows these ladies to keep their youthful glow and sex appeal? Shirley MacLaine claims she began to find real happiness after writing a series of revealing autobiographies. And her stunning good looks stem from her healthy lifestyle which includes yoga and a whole food diet. She says: "I just do what is right for me and I don't presume to preach exercise routines for other people."

"I see the good in everything now. I have my life more in balance and my experiences have helped to achieve that balance. I'm far more ready to let life take its course now."

At 55, Sophia Loren is at the peak of her legendary beauty. Her drop-dead glamour

can still stop traffic and, to prove it, husband Carlo Ponti has produced a remake of *Two Women*, the film that first shot her to stardom.

Now, almost 30 years later, Sophia is playing the same role that won her an Oscar and made her a household name.

She says: "Some actresses refuse to play mothers until they are in their forties. I played my first when I was 25, long before I had any real experience of motherhood. After two miscarriages, my first child was born when I was 34. When I remade *Two Women*, I felt neither older nor younger than I did 29 years ago. Age is simply an attitude."

"The real secret of not ageing is to be fearless about growing old. Don't let it be a dread or eat at you in any way. Don't be stressful."

But Sophia, who is known as much for her acting talent as her startling beauty, believes her mouth is too large, her nose too big and her chin too small.

She says: "I am vain in the real sense of the word, which means to be liked."

Sultry sex symbol Kim Novak, now 56, moved away from the glitter of Tinseltown to the peace of Carmel, California, and enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle which she credits for keeping her young.

But she also says a happy marriage to husband Robert Malloy has helped her find true peace. She admits: "I go horse-riding and swim. I don't need fancy work-out gyms or health spas. I have found true happiness with the man I love... and love is the greatest beauty



Sophia Loren, seen here with Michael Jackson is at the peak of her legendary beauty at 55.

secret there is."

Kim met veterinarian Robert when he came to see her sick horse. She now acts only when she feels like it and says: "I turn down a lot of roles. Mostly the same old sex symbols, or worse, ageing sex symbols."

"And besides, I don't particularly like all the explicit sex on the screen these days. Where's the glamour, the romance? You don't need to roll around naked in bed to be sexy."

## Abandoned

Before she married Robert, Kim had already abandoned her glittering lifestyle and opted for an isolated house overlooking the Pacific.

She recalls: "It gave me a sense of perspective about myself. I realised there must be more in life than just to be a Hollywood star. I've never believed in clinging on to things that are passing. You must always move onto the next thing. I suppose I'm a fatalist — always have been. I've had some unhappy experiences. But they were part of a pattern too... they led to other happy experiences."

Devastating blonde Ursula Andress, the girl who rose from the sea to become James Bond's first girlfriend, has found true fulfillment since her days as a sex goddess.

The 53-year-old actress had her first and only child, Dimitry, in her early forties and believes she has held on to her youth by mixing with younger people. She says: "Sure, I like younger men. I feel at ease among them. They are cheerful, amusing and free."

her outlook. "Being a mother changes your entire life. My son is the very first responsibility I've ever taken. I refused to do a movie with Mel Brooks because it meant working in Hollywood from eight in the morning to eight at night."

"I don't want Dimitry brought up by a nurse. We play soccer together. I feel as active and dynamic as I did when I was 20. So I toast my fifties. They don't worry me."

## Stunning

And Angie Dickinson, a stunning 56, and a self-confessed man's woman, believes she has no secret for holding on to her blonde, sexy looks. She says: "Women of all ages can be sexy and desirable... it all starts in the mind. If a woman is intelligent, loving and caring, how could a man not find her attractive?"

But Angie, who starred in the hit TV series *Police Woman* and took a part in an infamous sex scene in the movie *Dressed to Kill*, is no follower of fashion. She reveals: "I know it is fashionable to have younger boyfriends but I tend to go for older men."

"If a man is much younger than me, I just don't feel comfortable. I've had to tell a few men that I'm too old for them. But they usually say they should be the judge of that."

"I'll admit that sometimes they're hard to resist, even if they only want you for a week, a month or a year. But I'm much happier with a man of my own age."

"Whatever their age, though, I always look for the same qualities — self-confidence, a sense of humour, intelligence and, of course, the physical side has to be right. Good sex is very important, even though it is only part of a relationship."

"The older you get, you expect fewer surprises. If a man told me he was taking me to Paris for dinner when I was 24, I'd have been over the moon. Now I would say, 'I don't think so. It's cold there.'"

Born-again sex symbol Jane Fonda, who once urged women to accept their age and love their grey hair and wrinkles, has at the age of 52 — changed her opinions and is now pulling out all the stops to remain as fit and as beautiful as before.

She admits: "I'm striving hard to overcome compulsive tendencies. Now I want to enjoy things more, to add more moderation to my life. I'm more easy going and not as macho as I was. I want to take more risks with my acting. I want to be dangerous again."

Bubbly Dyan Cannon, 52, shares Kim Novak's attitude that love is the best kind of beauty therapy. She says inner peace is the best beauty treatment of all. "I've also found the right man — my husband, Stan Fimberg."

"When a woman has genuine love in her life, she just has to look great. I feel like a young girl again."



Jane Fonda: born-again sex symbol

Dyan should know. She once underwent a form of mental masochism called Primal therapy. She recalls: "It is certainly not something I'd recommend. For several weeks I was locked into a motel room and allowed no contact with the outside world."

"I found myself wanting to beat the walls. You relive every moment of your life because there is nothing else you can do. And that is the whole point of the exercise — to make you come to terms with yourself."

But the queen of the over-50 brigade just has to be Joan Collins. Famous for her *Playboy* centrefold at the age of 50, six years later Joan is still wowing the world with her youthful looks and firm body.

And she has plenty of advice for younger women. Her motto seems to be: Do it all when you are young and life will really start catching up with you."

Joan says: "There isn't really much point in getting married in your teens and early twenties when a woman can give birth to a child in mid to late-thirties and be perfectly healthy."

"Have as much as a career as possible, make the most of yourself and do as much as you can. Most girls go, as I did, from parents telling you what to do and then a year later you have got a kid and the kid is telling you what to do."



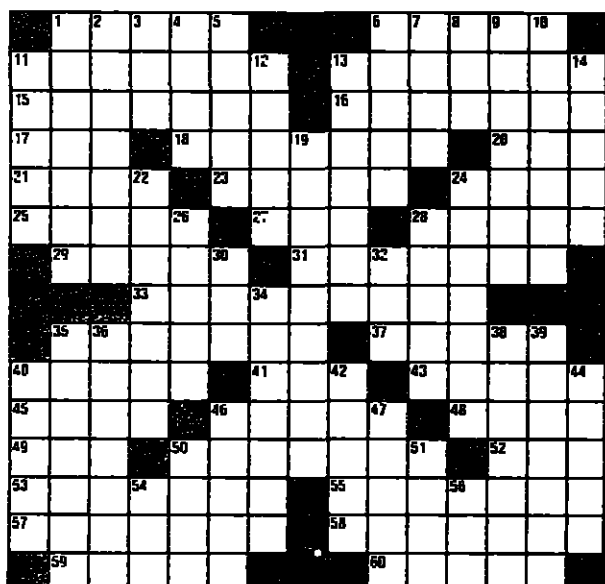
Joan Collins: Queen of the over-50 brigade



Ursula Andress, James Bond's first girlfriend in the 70s (left), believes she has held on to her youth by mixing with younger people, such as Harry Hamlin (right)



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 1 Something to mow down?
- 6 Actor Lugosi et al.
- 11 Son of Agamemnon
- 13 Kind of number
- 15 Cote d'Azur
- 16 Antisocial
- 17 French friend
- 18 Discreet
- 20 Playing marble
- 21 Flow from a volcano
- 23 Concerning
- 24 Marsh bird
- 25 Speculate in stocks
- 27 Simian
- 28 Jury, for example
- 29 Miss — of Dallas
- 31 Properties
- 33 Broad-based
- 35 Bulge
- 37 Freeloader
- 40 Forbidden
- 41 Asian holiday
- 43 Gutter Sam
- 45 — corner
- 46 Doctrine
- 48 Caen's neighbor
- 49 Sailor
- 50 Indisputable
- 52 Consumed
- 53 Disturb
- 55 Borax, for one
- 57 Empowered again
- 58 Certain dives
- 59 Small amounts
- 60 Attire

## DOWN

- 1 Facial expression
- 2 New production of an old play
- 3 — was going
- 4 To St. Ives
- 5 Part of a stair
- 6 Early Spanish missionary in California
- 7 Redact
- 8 Actress
- 9 Member of the butterfly family
- 10 Lamponers' forte
- 11 Certain tests
- 12 Steam bath
- 13 Harmony
- 14 Within the law
- 15 Subordinate
- 16 'Kate and Allie' actress Smith
- 17 Lustrous fabrics
- 18 Calico pony
- 19 Readies the way
- 20 Summer on the Somme
- 21 Sesame
- 22 Came on stage
- 23 Insurance concerns
- 24 Native of Spain
- 25 Certain hydrocarbons
- 26 Redact
- 27 Summer tops
- 28 Nureyev, for one
- 29 Educate
- 30 Go-getters
- 31 Where berets rest
- 32 Covered a roof
- 33 Sleep under the stars
- 34 Close
- 35 Before corn or pod
- 36 Lime additive

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CIAM MERCI TRAY  
LILLI OLEIAN AIDA  
EGAN AMEND ITEM  
MIANDANS AISLES  
OLE IDAHO  
ERROR MINARETS  
ORION MAIA SLOE  
DOG GEHENNA ART  
IDEA AAR MATES  
CELLISTS WOMEN  
LOTTIE ALE  
OBTUSE AVERAGE  
EBRO IRANI IVAN  
ROIL DANTE COIN  
NEED ESTER ANNA

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
THE UNLUCKY OVERCALL

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

## NORTH

♠ A 8 6  
♥ 10 8 2  
♦ J 6 4 2  
♣ 9 8 4

## WEST

♠ K Q 10 7  
♥ J 9 5  
♦ A 5  
♣ J 7 6 3

## EAST

♠ J 9 5  
♥ K Q 10 9 8 3  
♦ 10 2

## SOUTH

♠ 4 3 2  
♥ A K Q 7 6  
♦ 7  
♣ A K Q 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠  
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

What a difference a lead makes. This hand is from the 1988 World Team Championship, played in Venice. The themes are standard in almost every bridge teacher's repertoire.

At about half the tables in the event, West overcalled with one spade. That's not a call we endorse, since it has no preemptive value and West is likely to be on opening lead

in any event. And it had a strange repercussion in the play.

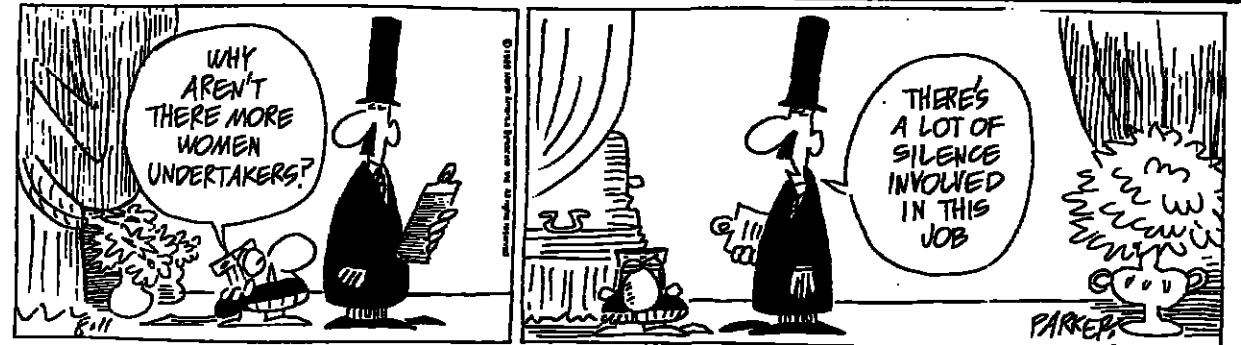
Against four hearts West led the king of spades. Declarer grabbed dummy's ace, cashed two rounds of trumps and then played off the high clubs. Although that suit did not split evenly, the defender with the long trump also held the fourth club, so declarer was able to ruff a club on the table. He exited with a diamond, and in the fullness of time he regained the lead with a ruff to draw the last trump and claim his contract, losing only two spades and a diamond.

Where West did not overcall, East boldly interjected a lead-directing bid of two diamonds. Now, the lead against four hearts was ace and another diamond. Declarer ruffed and again drew two rounds of trumps before cashing the high clubs and trumping a club. But now he had no way to get to his hand to draw the last trump. As soon as East gained the lead he played diamonds, so West's jack of trumps was promoted to the setting trick.

Despite the lead of the ace of diamonds, one East-West pair failed to get their trump promotion and the contract succeeded. All this proves is that even world championship competitors have feet of clay.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>You will feel in a better mood than you have been of late. You should take your mind off work for the day. Ensure that you do not become too intoxicated. Be less lethargic.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You will be rather short of commonsense and should avoid acting on the spur of the moment. Do not think that love is something to which you are entitled without response. If you do you are due for a shock. Be considerate.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>You will get on well with a friend you have not seen for some time. Do not allow yourself to deviate from what you are doing. However, if you are boring others, change the subject. Be compassionate.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>Do not leave your partner in any doubt about your love. You should spend some time asking whether you are heading in the right direction. If you are not, now is the time to steer a new course. Be loving.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You are given to exaggeration and should try to control yourself. You should not rely too much on other people's advice where a speculative venture is concerned.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>Allow for the fact that nothing happens overnight. And do not commit yourself to more than you have time for. Avoid being too sentimental particularly where your past is concerned. Be helpful.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</b></p> <p>A friend who is going through a rough patch will appreciate your support. You are more prone to infection and should do all you can to protect yourself from it. And eat a balanced diet. Be sensible.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b></p> <p>If you think it is too late, then you really are getting old. You will tend to be rather impulsive and should try to restrain yourself. No good trying to be in more than one place at a time. Be moderate.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>You are more liable to get your priorities wrong. Make sure that you give no less than you get, particularly where loving is concerned. Take a little more interest in what is happening around you.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>Remember that the past is gone but that the future is still to come. Your lucky numbers are 7 and 9. You should give love even if you do not always get love in return.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>You are liable to confuse love with passion. However many of you will be able to fuse them into a passionate love. Do not turn your back on something unpleasant, face up to it. Be generous.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You will know how to make the right response in an unusual situation. Allow your partner to have his say. Avoid flaunting your sex. Be less vindictive.</p>



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Market indices dip

## Trade volume stays low

THE Alshail index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.12 points with a slight decrease of 0.17 points — 0.45 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshail index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.76 with an increase of 0.14 points — 0.20 per cent — for the same period, according to a report by Al Shail Economic Consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 5.18 million shares at a daily average of 1.04 million shares with a decrease of 44 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 1.86 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.04 million shares at a daily average of 0.208 million shares with a decrease of 86 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.435 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD1.75 million at a daily average of KD0.35 million, a decrease of 61 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.89 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.036 million at a daily average of KD0.007 million, a decrease of 91 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.077 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 47 per cent of total trading against 71 per cent last week.

The Gulf Bank led at 27 per cent, followed by the National Bank of Kuwait at 26 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 21 per cent.

The services sector came second at 23 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems had markets at 10 per cent.

The investment sector came third at 22 per cent in which National Investments Company had the lead at 64 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects Company at 22 per cent and Kuwait Investment Company at 14 per cent.

As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Arabian General Investment Company had the lead at 69 per cent followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 31 per cent.

The market showed signs of weak performance which was reflected on all indices in both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets.

"We do not expect that the promised changes, that would temporarily increase market activity, will be declared before the end of this month."

Market trading and price levels are likely to be higher in the last quarter of the present year as a result of the declaration of the long promised statements and laws.

The market is no more than a blend of a financial instrument which has a role in the country's development, and a means of investment that has to compete with local and international counterparts.

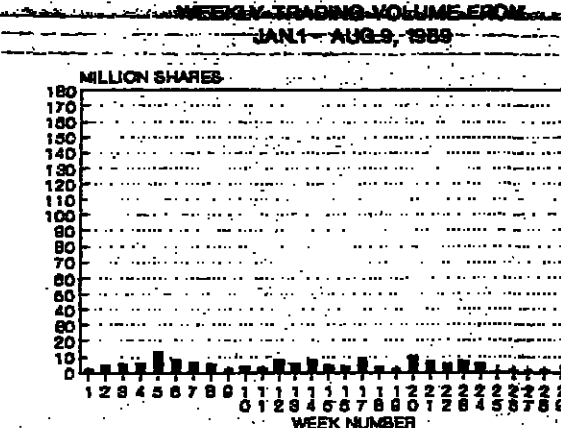
Investment Sector	14.69	18.18	-3.49
Kuwait Investment Co.	11.00	11.10	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	48.90	48.90	—
IFA	118.25	118.25	—
Commercial Facilities	63.73	63.73	—
National Investments	88.76	89.89	-1.12
Kuwait Investment	31.82	33.40	-1.58
Proj.	—	—	—
Sector Index	35.88	35.88	—
Insurance Sector	24.62	24.62	—
Kuwait Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	54.98	54.98	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	38.05	38.05	—
Real Estate Sector	16.57	16.82	-0.25
Kuwait Real Estate	5.60	5.60	—
United Realty	35.83	35.83	—
National Real Estate	71.43	69.05	2.38
Pearl of Kuwait	16.63	16.56	0.07
Industrial Sector	11.59	11.59	—
Kuwait Cement Co.	79.06	79.06	—
Refrigeration Indust.	110.87	110.87	—
Gulf Cables	73.78	73.78	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	29.98	29.98	—
Services Sector	155.52	155.52	—
Kuwait Computer Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	69.70	69.70	—
Public Warehousing	—	—	—
Kuwait Comm.	36.83	36.83	—
Markets Co.	280.95	285.71	-4.76
Mobile Telephone Syst.	54.60	55.09	-0.49
Sector Index	30.51	30.51	—
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	10.62	10.62	—
United Fisheries	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait United Poultry	68.97	68.97	—
Kuwait Food Co.	36.18	36.18	—
Sector Index	38.12	38.28	-0.49
Overall Index	—	—	—

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index	Wed. 09/08/89	Wed. 02/08/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	89.66	89.66	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	89.22	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	44.70	43.94	0.76
Umm Al Quain Cement	14.25	14.25	—
Gulf Medical Projects	21.78	21.78	—
Total Index	68.70	68.58	0.14
—Base period 31/12/1983.	—	—	—
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.	—	—	—

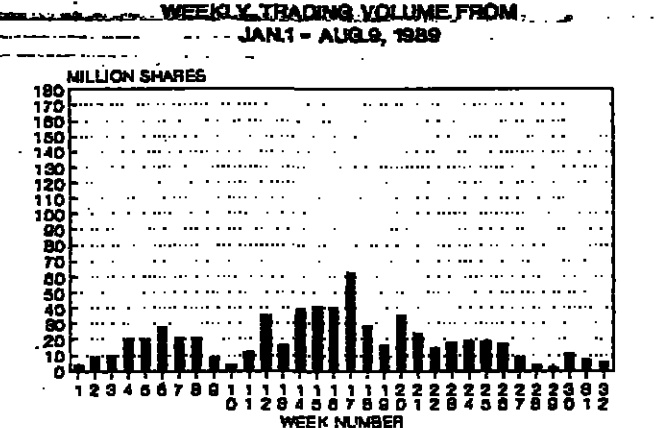
## Kuwait shareholding companies index

Banking Sector	Wed. 09/08/89	Wed. 02/08/89	Change points
The National Bank	113.50	113.50	—
The Gulf Bank	31.48	31.48	—
The Commercial Bank	23.27	23.27	—
Al Ahli Bank	29.77	29.77	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.97	30.50	0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	26.53	27.06	-0.52
Kuwait Finance House	77.45	78.27	-0.82
Sector Index	48.27	48.33	-0.05

## NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES



## KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES



## Negotiating team in Washington

## World Bank voices support for Brazil

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (UPI): The World Bank took aim yesterday at the International Monetary Fund and voiced its support for Brazil, which is on the verge of a moratorium on repaying its \$120 billion foreign debt.

The World Bank continues to have confidence in the long-term prospects of Brazil and has agreed with the Brazilian government to provide \$3.8 billion in loans for the next few years, said a statement by Armeane M. Choksi, director of the Brazil Department at the multilateral lending organization.

A World Bank official explained the statement is meant to highlight the difficulties Brazil encounters in finding financing from other multilateral institutions and private banks.

Financial sources said the World Bank statement was an obvious reference to the IMF.

At the beginning of this year, the IMF suspended disbursements from a 1988 stand-by loan for Brazil. At the time, private banks did likewise with disbursements from a financial package also agreed upon last year.

Japan also suspended disbursements from its loans to Brazil. All in all, Brazil has lost about \$5 billion in external lending during 1989.

A Brazilian negotiating team is in Washington trying to obtain a short-term agreement with the IMF that would free disbursements from the multilateral organization and its private bank lenders.

Yet, sources close to the negotiations said the IMF is reluctant to resume lending to Brazil due to the lack of a "realistic" economic programme in that country.

Brazil is scheduled to hold presidential elections Nov 15 to replace the financially troubled lame-duck government of President Jose Sarney. The new government is to be inaugurated in March.

Yesterday, Sarney announced his willingness to work with Brazil's congress in stemming inflation and trimming the fiscal deficit.

Financial sources said lack of external financing for Brazil could trigger an economic and political crisis similar to the one suffered by Argentine President Raul Alfonsin, which forced him to resign six months before the end of his term.

## Export rights denied

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (Reuters): The US Commerce Department said yesterday it has denied US export rights to two West German firms because they had links to a Cologne businessman convicted of illegally selling a mustard gas chemical to Iran.

It said the firms, Chemco and Colimer, both of Cologne, were denied export rights for nine years.

It said the two had business links to Peter Walaschek, who pleaded guilty in district court in Baltimore on August 26, 1988, to legally re-exporting thiodiglycol from Singapore to Iran in violation of US export control law.

The chemical is an ingredient of mustard gas.

Walaschek had his re-export privileges stripped for 10 years after his conviction.

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7	Bolan	Al Majed	2421439
12	Planeta	ISA	2441860
14	New Topaz	Salmiah	4645471
19	Scirocco Universal	Gh&Q	4347815
20	Roman Reeder	Gh&Q	4347815
21	Mawashi Tabuk	Livestock	2434177

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10/8	Jolly Smeraldo	YAAS	4745533
11/8	Chatanooga-L	Transcont.	2436920
11/8	Baltic Star	ISA	2441860
11/8	Dairy Maru	Al Rashed	2422026

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## Egypt expects more funds from Kuwait

Investors get more facilities

CAIRO, Aug 12, (KUNA): Egyptian first undersecretary for international co-operation Hussein Rif'at has expected a rise in Kuwaiti funding to development project here and said Kuwait had shown keen interest in backing the Egyptian economy in the past two years.

Cairo and Kuwait have nurtured the most successful economic ties, compared with Egypt's links with the rest of the Arab world, he said in an interview with KUNA today.

He noted that visits here earlier in the year by Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi and Commerce Minister Faisal Abdul-Razzaq Al Khaled were a turning point in economic ties between the two Arab countries.

During those visits the two sides agreed to increase the volume of investments and two-way trade between them, thus reviving the co-operation that went into a lull when the two states did not have diplomatic ties in the past ten years.

Kuwait and 16 other Arab countries broke off relations with Egypt in 1979 after Cairo signed a peace treaty with Israel.

Rif'at recalled that his country had received roughly the equivalent of \$270 million in loans from Kuwait in the period



Jassem Al Khorafi

1962-1988, with about one third of the amount granted last year to finance two key economic projects.

The Egyptian official expected the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development to take part in funding five new government ventures.

He hoped Kuwaiti capital would flow in more steadily after the Egyptian People's Assembly endorsed a law granting investors a wide range of facilities.

He said Arab funding institutions like the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development have been more generous than international agencies in offering Egypt soft-term loans.

Unlike the international financing bodies, the Arab ones were offering low interest loans with lengthy grace periods and without restricting the recipient to a certain market to shop for its requirements.

Meanwhile Egypt's Investment Authority has approved the formation of a merchant bank to be incorporated in Cairo with the Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium (KREIC), as the leading shareholder, according to a report.

The Financial Times newspaper noted that KREIC is owned by the Kuwait Investment Authority.

Other shareholders of the new body, to be called the Investment and Securities Group, include First Cairo Finance of Egypt, and El Mawarid Investments, part of the large Saudi El Mawarid Investment House.

The paper pointed out that the paid-up capital totals \$5 million. It quoted Ahmad Foda, of First Cairo Finance, who will be managing director of the new bank, as saying that the company would be involved initially in bond issues, syndicates loans and debt-equity swap.

He said the company's mandate was as an investment banking group with an involvement throughout the Arab world.

## Indonesia unveils measures

## Fresh incentives for investors

JAKARTA, Aug 12, (OPECNA): Finance Minister Prof. Johannes Bercman Sumarlin has announced that foreign investors can now buy shares issued by national companies, including state-owned retail trade firms.

He told a press conference that since the government's introduction of a series of deregulatory measures covering the country's capital markets in December 1987, the number of companies issuing shares had increased.

"We hope the number of securities issued and the amount of funds raised will further increase in the future because we need more investment for our economic development," he said.

He discounted fears that the move could result in foreign investor control of companies operating in some areas, which could affect businesses in the country.

"Foreigners holding shares issued through the capital market will not get involved in the management of the listed companies," he pointed out.

Foreign participation was limited to a maximum of 49 per cent of the shares issued, which was too small to be influential in the management of companies who usually only sold 15-30 per cent of their total common stock.

Investors from abroad were interested in buying shares through Indonesian capital markets because they expected the companies involved to have good future prospects, due to the favourable economic climate.

He denied reports that a number of firms issuing shares were not healthy, in terms of business activities.

"All shares sold through the capital markets are bona fide and safe to buy because their issuers have been audited by public accountants, have fulfilled strict listing procedures and requirements and have been guaranteed by qualified underwriters," he said.

## Russians defy back-to-work order

MOSCOW, Aug 12, (Reuters): Striking Russian workers in Soviet Estonia yesterday rejected an order by local officials to return to work, arguing that their protest is political and cannot be banned under a new law on labour conflicts.

Vladimir Vinogradov, of the Russian-speaking movement Interdzhizhenie, said from the Estonian capital, Tallinn, that the work stoppage would continue. It was sparked by a local electoral law effectively disenfranchising many Russians.

The praesidium of the Estonian Supreme Soviet resolved on Thursday that the strikes were illegal.

It acted under a decision this month by the Soviet parliament that republican or central officials can order the end to a strike if it threatens national security or disrupts daily life.

But Vinogradov told Reuters: "That resolution has to do with solving labour conflicts, and this is apolitical strike."

"People's patience has worn out," he said.

A spokesman for the Estonian Communist Party Central Committee said roughly 30 enterprises were

still on strike.

The spokesman said the strikes — the second outbreak in three weeks — were centred in Tallinn and the largely Russian-speaking towns of Narva and Kokkula-Yarve.

He said the Russian workers, who staff many of Estonia's biggest factories, had refused to deal with local authorities and had sent a delegation to Moscow to meet Yevgeny Primakov, chairman of one of the houses of the Soviet parliament.

A representative of the Estonian Popular Front, a radical mass movement which backs the new election law, said the strike did not enjoy the support of most Russians in the republic.

"It is an artificial movement under the control of Interdzhizhenie. They are extremists," he said by telephone from Tallinn.

He said the strike had not disrupted life in the capital, and transport was running normally.

The strikers are demanding suspension of the law and of an earlier one making Estonian the official language of the republic in place of Russian.

## KD rates ease in quiet trading

KUWAIT, Aug 12, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates eased today as the market drifted into the summer doldrums, dealers said.

Overnight, offered on Thursday at 7-3/4 per cent, fell to five three, with one deal reported at four per cent. Tomorrow-next and spot-next eased to seven five from offers of 7-1/4.

Dealers said a small amount of liquidity was floating around the market, but there was little activity.

The fixed rates were mostly steady. One month was indicated at 8-3/4 1/8 and three months to one year at 8-3/4 3/8. One month traded at 8-1/8.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29792/9802 from 0.29576/86 on Thursday.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were marked up today on back of a rise in dollar interest rates but business was typically slow due to the European weekend.

Dealers said fixed period rates were indicated up to 1/8 point higher in response to a jump in dollar rates yesterday prompted by a remarks from a Federal Reserve official that the Central Bank was unlikely to loosen credit again soon.

Riyal deposits closely track dollar interest rates.

Short dated funds were steady at nine, 8-3/4 per cent for the spot-next and 8-3/4, 1/2 per cent for the one-week, but no deals were reported.

## Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Aug 12, (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/8	8-9/16
3 months	8-5/16	8-3/4
6 months	8-7/16	8-7/8
1 year	8-7/16	8-7/16

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# Tunisians grumble at higher food prices

TUNIS, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Tunisians grumbled with discontent at bakeries and groceries today where shopkeepers charged higher prices for bread and other subsidised foodstuffs.

But there were no reports of disturbances as the government decision to raise prices was implemented.

Riots swept Tunisia in 1984 when the government doubled bread prices. Security forces killed 89 people before order was restored.

Officials said the move would save the treasury 60 million dinars (\$63 million) a year.

"They've doubled prices overnight. At this rate we won't be able to stay alive," one housewife said.

"It's all right for some. I notice they haven't put up the price of croissants,"

said another.

The price of a loaf rose between 14 and 20 per cent depending on size. Commodities like milk, pasta, sugar, flour and cooking oil were marked up from six to 32 per cent.

The government-guided press played down the price rises and emphasised parallel measures increasing social security payments and wages for manual labourers.

"A gentle rationalisation" ran the headline in the government-owned daily La Presse. Other newspapers described the price as modest.

The government announced the changes last evening, avoiding the noon prayers when people mass on the streets. In countries noon is the time of the week when unrest is most likely to turn violent.

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Economy said the Caisse Generale de Compensation, the state fund which handles subsidies, would save 17 million dinars (\$18 million) in the remaining four-and-a-half months of the year.

In a full year the saving would be 60 million (\$63 million) on a total subsidy bill estimated this year at 400 million dinars (\$422 million), he added.

More than 60 per cent — 244 million dinars (\$257 million) this year — goes on grain products, especially bread, the Tunisian staple and the most sensitive commodity.

Under the new system, a 250 gramme (nine ounce) loaf of bread will cost 80 millimes (eight US cents), against 70 millimes (seven cents) previously, and the

weight of a large 100-millime (10 cents) loaf has been cut to 500 grammes (1.1 pounds) from 600 grammes (1.3 pounds).

It is the first price increase for bread since 1986, when the government found a way of reducing the weight of loaves without making them look smaller.

Bakers, who have seen their profit margins narrow as production costs rose, went on strike for one day earlier this month to remind the government of their plight.

To sweeten the pill, the government said 100,000 needy families would have their social security allowances raised from 30 to 40 dinars (\$32 to \$42) for a three-month period.

Officials said the price rises would add two points to the retail price index, which stood at 152.4 at the end of April. Inflation has been running at about eight per cent.

## Chalabi denies he left Jordan illegally

AMMAN, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Ahmed Chalabi, the missing chairman of one of two banks taken over by the Jordanian government last week, denied today he had left the country illegally and said he planned to return to Amman.

"I left Jordan legally and through the airport on Tuesday for holidays...I was never informed about a travel ban and I plan to return to Amman," Chalabi said in a telephone call to Reuters in the Jordanian capital.

An official Jordanian source had earlier said Chalabi, who was chairman and general manager of Petra Bank, the bank's chief dealer Ali Sarraf and some other bank officials had been banned from leaving the country.

Sarraf was stopped by security forces at Amman airport as he was about to leave for London on Thursday and is still in detention.

The government took over Petra Bank and Jordan Gulf Bank last week and ordered their merger. Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi has said the move was taken to prevent the banks' collapse which would have damaged the economy.

The official source said earlier today that Chalabi had left Jordan illegally on Tuesday morning and was seen in Damascus by noon.

The former Petra Bank head, who was named to a six-man supervisory committee to implement the merger, refused to say today where he was phoning from but said he was not in Lebanon.

### Detention

Chalabi expressed concern at Sarraf's detention and said there was a vendetta against people close to him.

He accused the government supervisory committee to which he was named of taking actions that threatened Petra Bank's international relations, including the interruption of its Visa Card International Service. But he said it was too early to take legal action.

Other banking officials were not available for comment.

Chalabi set up Petra Bank in 1977 and quickly became a prominent figure in banking circles. Petra Bank owns 70 per cent of the shares of a branch in Washington, DC. Several Amman Stock Exchange brokers were heavily dependent on the bank's credit facilities.

An Iraqi-born Shiite Muslim from a powerful banking family, he is married to the daughter of Adel Ouseiri, defence minister in Lebanon's mainly-Muslim cabinet vying for power with Christian Army Commander Michel Aoun.

## Djibouti sees oil as economic salvation

### Plan to build \$900m refinery

DIJBOUTI, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Djibouti, a small desert nation bordering Ethiopia and Somalia at the mouth of the Red Sea, has no oil and little of anything else, but it is banking on petroleum for its financial salvation.

A wealthy Saudi Arabian investor, Sheikh Halim Rabhin, and the French oil multinational Total plan to build a \$900 million refinery which officials hope will win over other foreigners hesitant to invest in Djibouti.

The plant would refine oil for the domestic population of 450,000 as well as make products for export, profiting from Djibouti's strategic location.

"We hope that this will have the effect of pulling in other investments," said Ali Malow Guedid, secretary-general of the Ministry of Commerce, Transport and Tourism.

The project, on which work

will start this year, signals confidence in Djibouti as an oasis of stability in the war-torn Horn of Africa. Somalia in the south and Ethiopia to the west are ravaged by civil war.

The refinery could slash Djibouti's high energy costs, a major drawback in efforts to lure industrial investors since the former French colony gained independence 12 years ago.

Djibouti Foreign Minister Moumin Bahdon Farah has said the planned 100,000 barrel per day refinery, which will take 2-1/2 years to build, would meet both local and re-export demand.

The project will refine crude from Saudi Arabia and other Arab producers and, according to Mohamed Omar Dabar of the International Chamber of Commerce and Industry, it could cut Djibouti's energy costs by more than one-third.

Officials hope that its spinoff benefits, railway improvements, a drive to train skilled labour, and peace moves in the region could herald a new investment climate.

"A lot depends on peace in the region," Bour Houssein Omar, director of the National Office for Supplies and Commerce, told Reuters.

Founded in 1887 as a coaling station for French vessels bound for Indonesia and Indian Ocean colonies, Djibouti overlooks one of the world's busiest shipping crossroads.

As the gateway to the Indian Ocean and the Gulf its port handled 1.1 million tonnes of cargo in 1988, including 500,000 tonnes of oil products and 135,000 tonnes of other transit goods for Ethiopia.

It is the world's fifth biggest bunkering port and remains an

important base for French naval and air forces.

Spending by Paris on the 3,800 servicemen and their families stationed here and French aid of about 40 million francs (\$6 million) a year contribute about half of Djibouti's gross domestic product.

Officials have long dreamed of developing it as a major trading, transport and manufacturing centre for Africa and the Arabian peninsula.

But, as Bour Houssein Omar said: "Our goal of making Djibouti a Hong Kong is not so far fetched."

Incentives for foreign investors include a liberal investment code offering tax holidays of up to eight years and exemption from import and other duties and putting no limit on stakes in industrial and service ventures it wants to encourage.

## 'There is pain in Spain'

## Tourism hit by slump

MADRID, Aug. 12. (Reuters): The goose that laid Spain's golden eggs has had its feathers ruffled but not plucked.

Runaway growth in tourism — the country's biggest earner of foreign currency and the motor of its economic expansion since the 1960s — seems to have ground to a halt.

High inflation, a strong peseta and poor publicity because of health hazards and air traffic controllers' strikes in 1987 and 1988 have all contributed to the slump, economists and hoteliers say. But a deeper malaise may be behind the slow-down.

The quality of service Spain offers has failed to keep pace with its development — itself largely on the back of tourism revenues — from a low-cost, low-wage economy, hoteliers say.

And tourism officials think the time may have come to move away from the mass-market

tourism it has cultivated in the past.

"Some symptoms have appeared that have caused a certain sensation of crisis," tourism general secretary Ignacio Fuego said in a recent speech at Madrid's summer university.

Hotel owners say reservations for the peak July-August period in popular resorts such as the Canary and Balearic islands are 15 to 20 per cent lower than last year.

Dollar receipts from tourism fell almost two per cent in the first five months of 1989, according to tourism ministry figures, while the number of visitors entering Spain climbed just 1.6 per cent in the first six months of the year.

The dwindling numbers have caused alarm in an industry which has seen revenue balloon from \$5.5 billion in 1978 to 16.7 billion last year.

In Britain, source of 7.6

million visitors to Spain last year, delays, food-poisoning scares and sewage pollution of some popular beaches have sparked screaming tabloid press headlines.

"There's pain in Spain," the popular daily Star headed one recent article. "Only a madman could imagine that a fortnight in that typhoid-infested country could ever be described as fun."

Apart from unfavourable coverage abroad, hotel owners say the slump has arisen partly because tourists, perhaps hit by economic conditions at home, are spending less.

Tourism officials and hotel owners say the fall in earnings this year is also due to a boom in construction of holiday apartments, which has far outstripped the number of visitors but still tapped into the traditional hotel market.

## Tax breaks to lure back capital

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 12. (AP): The Mexican government yesterday announced tax breaks to lure back money that investors took abroad to escape Mexico's financial crisis and made a deal with auto manufacturers to offer low-priced compact cars.

A recent agreement on reducing the \$107-billion foreign debt "has generated confidence in Mexico and desire among many investors to repatriate their capital," the Treasury Department said in a statement.

The measures apply to capital returned to the country after Jan. 1, 1989.

Officials hope the debt reduction agreement signed with foreign creditor banks last month will ease economic uncertainty and stimulate the private investment needed to revive Mexico's stagnant economy.

The agreement gives the more than 500 creditor banks the options of writing off 35 per cent of Mexican debt, lowering interest rates to 6.25 per cent or granting Mexico new loans. It covers \$53 billion of the debt, which is the second-highest in the developing world after Brazil.

Under the Treasury Department decree, deposits abroad over the past three years earned no taxable income.

It establishes a 3.7 per cent tax on deposits or investments made abroad in 1985 and a 5 per cent tax for those made before 1985. The maximum income tax for private individuals is 40 per cent.

A second decree provides tax exemptions for low-priced compact cars and imported component parts used to make them.

## US stocks fall sharply

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (Reuters): Wall Street stocks fell sharply in a rollercoaster session yesterday after bond prices tumbled on the view that the Federal Reserve will not ease credit rates soon.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 28.64 points to 2,683.99 after roaring to over 2,730 in morning trading before futures-related sell programmes wiped out the advance.

The loss eliminated all of Thursday's 26.55-point gain, when the Dow index closed above the 2,700 level for the first time in two years.

"The fundamental rationale (for stock market drop) was the complete collapse of the bond market," said Ralph Bloch, chief technical analyst at Raymond James and Associates.

But analysts viewed yesterday's decline as a temporary pause. Despite the loss, blue chips finished

up 30.54 points for the week, their sixth consecutive weekly gain.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances by 949 to 573 in heavy volume of 197.6 million shares, down slightly from 198.7 million shares Thursday.

The impetus for the early spurt in the 30-share Dow index stemmed from government reports showing that wholesale prices fell for a second straight month in July while consumer spending rebounded, indicating the economy is growing slowly while inflation is under control.

The producer price index fell a surprising 0.4 per cent last month, driven by lower auto and energy prices, after a 0.1 per cent June decline, the Labour Department said.

West German trade surplus soars

## Further evidence of slowdown to economic growth predicted

THE dollar commenced the week on a softer tone, but gathered strength as market interpretation of recent data suggested a more controlled landing to economic growth than the earlier recessionary fears, according to NBK weekly market review.

Friday's numbers tended to confirm this position with PPI lower and retail sales coming in stronger than the market had expected. Consequently the dollar consolidated on its gains.

The Dow Jones Industrial Index briefly reached an all time high of 2,725 and ending the week at 2,712 on current optimistic sentiment and following favourable demand for the 30 Year Bond Auction.

The dollar ended the week at: DM1.938 and ¥141.8.

PPI unexpectedly fell 0.4 per cent in July following a 0.1 per cent fall in June giving a year-on-year rise of 5 per cent.

Retail sales increased a slightly higher than expected 0.9 per cent in July following a 0.1 per cent fall in June which gave a year-on-year change of 6 per cent.

The Federal Reserve's "Tan Book" described growth in the US as "sluggish" with manufacturing activity declining in some areas of production. However, any negative sentiment was short-lived, diminished by the data releases of PPI and retail sales at the end of the week. Whilst earlier market concern of impending recession looks to have been overdone, on balance indicators still provide adequate evidence of slowdown. "We have long maintained that Federal Reserve policy will be gradualist in its response, hence an imminent ease and interest rate reduction is not expected for the time being."

With numerous data releases due out in the forthcoming week "we are expecting further evidence of slowdown to economic growth. Trade numbers are likely to provide some improvement on last month's widened gap. Whilst dollar purchases are far from convincing, the US unit looks reasonably well supported within current trading levels."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.89-1.95 and yen 138-143.

Sterling benefited earlier in the week

from the US dollar's nervousness and from its advantageous position as a relatively high yielding currency. However, a lack of domestic economic data, the pound slipped against a stronger dollar although holding its own on the crosses against the Deutschmark.

A sharp drop in retail sales and only a small increase on consumer credit have provided the strongest evidence to date that the government's anti-inflationary stance is beginning to have the desired effect on consumer expenditure.

The UK gilt market was underpinned by the relative support of the pound and by overseas investment although profit-taking diminished earlier equity gains.

The pound ended the week at: DM3.07 and ¥51.583.

Retail sales final fell 2.3 per cent in June following a 3 per cent increase in May and compared to a 2.2 per cent rise in June 1988.

New consumer credit was a seasonally adjusted £3.94 billion in June down from £4.18 billion in May but up from £3.63

billion in June 1988.

The Bank of England's Quarterly Bulletin issued this week re-emphasised the requirement to maintain high interest rates reflecting the current wage pressures and the need to reduce present inflationary trends.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.04-3.09 and £/\$1.57-1.62.

In West Germany with domestic and foreign investors alike encouraged to return funds following the repeal of the controversial withholding tax on interest income, the long term capital account for June displayed its first surplus for more than two years.

West Germany's trade surplus increased to DM13.9 billion in June from DM9.9 billion the previous month which gives a first half year figure of DM70.3 billion. Imports increased by 23 per cent whilst exports rose by 13 per cent.

Separately June manufacturing orders increased a seasonally adjusted 1.8 per cent in May whilst retail sales rose 3.6 per cent from a year earlier.

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JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	0.180	0.180
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JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.35	0.138	0.138
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	0.080	0.080
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.47	0.295	0.295
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	0.144	0.144
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.15	0.150	0.150
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JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	0.150	0.150
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.150	0.150
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JOR SECURITY CORP	1.12	0.850	0.850
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**Soldiers shot:** Two Army soldiers were shot dead inside a beachhouse in Barangay Cojuangco, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija. Pfc Gil Quilang and Pfc Virgilio Reyes both of the 703rd Brigade of the 7th Infantry Division were inside the beachhouse, when they were shot several times in the body, said Sta. Rosa Police Chief Capt. Juancho Reyes.

Police officers learned from witnesses that the two soldiers were drinking with two men, a certain Miong and one Cito Cruz when the four of them quarrelled.

Shots then rang out and the two soldiers slumped dead on the floor, witnesses told police.

Two men believed to be the killers were seen fleeing toward San Mariano, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija, police said.

Police recovered one M-16 Armalite with one magazine, three empty shells and one five Armalite beside the victims.

**Taxpayers sought:** At least 319,000 delinquent taxpayers who owe the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) some P13.7 billion are being sought, BIR Commissioner Jose U. Ong said.

Ong said he has instructed some 3,000 agents and revenue examiners to collect from the delinquent taxpayers most of whom live outside Metro Manila.

Taxpayers, however, were warned not to fall prey to fake BIR collectors and examiners.

Ong said impostors in Metro Manila reportedly collect from P500 up to P1,000 for fake certificates of inspection.

Jaunil Jumpsot and General Merchandise in Quirino Highway in Novaliches, Quezon City is among the victims of the impostors.

**Cop suspects remain upheld:** It is not true that the five Manila policemen accused in the second assassination attempt on Dr. Nemesio Prudent, president of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, are free.

Brig Gen. Alexander Aguirre, Capital Region Command (Capcom) chief, issued this denial over allegations that the accused policemen have not been dismissed from the service and are freely roaming around the city.

Aguirre said patrolmen Francisco Zarzal, Fidel Mailig, Ricardo Ilumina, and Alejandro Manabuy are all securely confined at the Manila City Jail.

**Smuggler gets life sentence:** A Japanese caught trying to ship out 500 grammes of marijuana through the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in 1988 has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Keijiro Haraguchi** of Osaka, Japan, was found guilty of transporting marijuana by Judge Fermin Martin Jr. of the Pasay City Regional Trial Court Branch 14.

Martin also imposed a fine of P20,000 to P30,000 on Haraguchi.

The Japanese was caught by Pafsec and narcotics agents at the final check-in counter of the NAIA on May 10, 1988.

His hand-carried bag which contained the dried marijuana leaves were in a black plastic bag and five Marlboro packs.

**Rebels meted terms:** Six of seven New People's Army (NPA) rebels who were captured during a firefight with government soldiers in Rosario, Batangas in 1987 were meted prison terms by the Regional Trial Court in Lipa City.

President Judge Rodrigo V. Cosico of RTC Branch 13 convicted four of the accused for rebellion and sentenced them to eight years imprisonment.

Convicted were **Rudy Caparon, Zolito de Guzman, Sofronio Comia, and Alfredo Jemich.** They were also fined P10,000 each without subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency.

The two others sentenced for lighter offenses were **Ronnie Cuadrassal and Gregorio de Guzman.**

Cuadrassal was meted two years and two months imprisonment. De Guzman being a minor, was given two months jail term.

The lone woman accused, **Dahlia Ramboyon**, allegedly the common-law wife of Caparon, was acquitted for insufficiency of evidence.

**Hasty judges warned:** The Supreme Court warned trial court judges against hastily deciding cases, especially those which penalize the offense with life in jail.

The High Tribunal issued the warning in a decision penned by Associate Justice Isagani Cruz which reversed the life imprisonment Judge Mariano Umali meted out to one Jose Quintana, a tricycle driver, for alleged violation of the Dangerous Drugs Act.

Justice Cruz also ordered the immediate release of Quintana.

Quintana was arrested in an alleged buy-bust operation by Narcotics Command (Narcocom) — agents in Imus, Cavite on April 27, 1987.

The Narcocom team alleged that they confiscated marijuana leaves and a marked P100 bill from Quintana.

Quintana denied that he was a drug pusher. He said there had been no buy-bust operation and that one of the agents ordered him to buy marijuana leaves.

Quintana told the court he was taken to the PC headquarters and asked to sign several blank papers, including one which turned out to be a receipt for marijuana leaves purportedly taken from him.

**Dead man dumped:** A dead man was dumped in front of the police outpost in the town proper of Balibag, Bulacan.

Police identified the victim as **Ernesto Florido**, 53 of Sitio Bandera, Barangay Camachile, DNA Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan.

Investigators said Florido had no wounds, and reportedly left home Tuesday afternoon for San Ildefonso town.

Also in Bulacan, four homosexuals and two women were arrested when a police team raided a beauty parlor in Barangay San Isidro, Paombong last week for allegedly being used as front for drug pushing.

Police identified the women as **Archidia Abela**, 30, of Barangay San Augustin, Malolos and **Lolita Castro**, 19, of Barangay San Jose, Hagonoy. The homosexuals were **Pedro Munsayac Jr.**, 30, Edgardo Enriquez, 26, both of Barangay San Vicente, Alberto Capulong, 41, of Barangay San Jose, and **Ernesto Escarian**, 29, of Poblasyon, all in Paombong.

**600 kilos of drugs:** Constabulary agents cracked a drug-smuggling and gun-running syndicate with the arrest of three Japanese, two Taiwanese and three Filipino members and the seizure of 600 kilos of marijuana, 75 handguns, and seven high-powered assault weapons in Dagupan City, Pangasinan.

Lieut Col Rex Pineda, National Capital District commander of the PC Criminal Investigation Service (CIS), described the haul of guns and marijuana as "the biggest ever by the command."

He said the processed marijuana, which had been pressed into cakes and packed ready for shipping, was easily worth P1.2 million and the guns P1.8 million.

Three teams under Maj. Ruben Zacarias swooped down on the smuggling suspects as they were loading the contraband goods into vehicles at the parking lot of the Victoria Hotel in Dagupan City.

The firearms consisted of 30 pieces of .38 revolvers, 45 pieces of .25 pistols equipped with silencers, three M-203 assault rifles, one UZI and two Ingram machine pistols, and a 20-round capacity automatic shotgun.

The PC operatives surmised that the guns and marijuana were intended to be smuggled into Japan.

Pineda withheld the identities of the arrested foreigners and Filipinos so as not to jeopardize ongoing operations against several other syndicate members in Pansamin and in Metro Manila.

**Troublemakers arrested:** Twelve persons were arrested for reportedly throwing beer bottles at the apartment unit of Bulletin photographer Rudy Liwanag in Quezon City.

The suspects were charged with malicious mischief for creating trouble in an apartment on Marathon St., QC.

Jessie Abdon, caretaker of a 13-door apartment on Marathon St., said that he noted a commotion outside while he was watching a basketball game on television. Liwanag resides in the same apartment unit.

At that time, a birthday party of one Jojo Fonseca, another tenant of the apartment house, was also being held.

Abdon said that he went out to find out what was the commotion all about. He asked some persons to stop making noise.

He said that while he was about to enter the door of the apartment of Fonseca, one of those making noise, identified as certain Ambet Banaga tried to pull him in inside but he managed to leave the place.

When Abdon had already closed the door, they started throwing beer bottles, hitting window panes, a radio cassette, and three cars owned by other tenants.

Elazier Abdon, brother of Jessie, and one Ronnie were hurt during the bottle-throwing incident. Later, the tenants decided to fight back because the trouble-makers refused to stop making noise.

# Daza: 'Sex tale pure gossip'

COLUMNIST Julie Yap-Daza admitted in a jam-packed Senate public hearing that the item she wrote about a woman senator having an affair with her driver was pure tismis.

Daza apologized to Senators Santanina Rasul and Leticia Shahani who complained against the item but the two rejected it and hastily left the hearing of the Senate ethics committee after issuing separate statements.

Spectators, reporters and prominent personalities numbering close to a hundred jammed a room at the Philippine Veterans building where the committee held the hearing on Daza's item, one of several alleged indiscretions involving senators that have caught national attention the past weeks.

Daza, who writes a column for the tabloid Manila Standard and hosts the TV talk show "Tell the People," admitted before the committee headed by Sen Rene Saguisag that the column item she wrote was not based on facts and was pure tismis.

Daza wrote in her column "Medium Rare" in the July 22 issue of the Standard about a conversation she had with an unnamed congressman and fellow columnist Emil Jurado who indicated that a woman senator was having an affair with her driver.

Daza, who laughed and giggled at times as she spoke, said the item was intended to be a

"light-hearted talk" about how rumours of sexual dalliances in high offices have gone haywire.

Daza, who sat opposite the two grim-faced lady senators, said it was clear in her column that she was not referring to any particular senator and that she did not believe the loose talk.

There was also no political intent to the column item, she said.

Daza, who said she started her journalistic career 25 years ago, apologized to the two lady senators in separate letters and in her television programme, because she admitted the integrity of the two were put into question.

A teary-eyed Shahani, sister of Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos and former ambassador, demanded that Daza categorically retract her statement and say that it was not based on facts. In her statement, Shahani also appealed to the press to be circumspect in its work.

"The role of media is not just to repeat rumours on precious newspaper," she said, then asked: "Is that what the public really has to read early in the morning? Is that what we need to sustain a democracy?"

"I don't think media should go on a holiday... just for the sake of transparency," she added.

Jurado, who stood as Daza's lawyer, said the lives of government officials could be scrutinized by the people because these are matters of public interest.

"It is my firm conviction that the private lives of accountable public officials — and that refers to senators, members of Congress, judiciary, members of Cabinet, and any other official holding various sensitive posts — are public concern and public interest," said Jurado, adding: "... because of this whatever is written about them, facts, rumors or gossip is in the spirit of transparency."

He cited instances abroad where top leaders resigned after being implicated in sex scandals.

Asked by the legal counsel of the ethics committee if there was really a woman legislator flirting with her driver, Jurado answered "yes" but said he would not disclose the official or his source.

Rasul, who hails from Sulu province in the South, likewise demanded that Daza issue a categorical retraction. Asked if they were considering suing Daza for libel, the two lady senators said they would wait for the result of the ethics committee inquiry.

The two senators said they were also considering bringing up the matter to a press ombudsman.



Daza listens to advice from fellow columnist Emil Jurado who acted as her counsel

## Miriam seeks to replace CARL

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor-Santiago asked the Congress to replace the one-year-old Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) with a program similar to that earlier proposed by peasant groups.

Santiago proposed that lands foreclosed by government-controlled financial institutions be included under Phase I of the land reform program. Currently, only lands foreclosed by government financial institutions are included in CARL.

On the controversial pricing of

lands, Santiago said the definition of "just compensation" should be amended to include the proximity of the land to the population and commercial and civic centers as a factor in determining land values.

She also proposed the inclusion of the provincial auditor, assessor and register of deeds in the provincial agrarian reform council to ensure, she said, accurate and speedier valuation of lands to be acquired by the government.

She also sought the expansion of her department's judicial

powers over agrarian disputes by having the right to award monetary and punitive damages. And she proposed that the municipal judge be appointed as commissioner in the proposed agrarian court in the area.

"We have to completely overhaul the law. Republic Act 6657 (CARL) is a hodgepodge. There are many inconsistencies that sometimes the law takes you to the left and then to the right," Santiago told the House of Representatives' committee on agrarian reform.

It was Santiago's first

appearance before the House since she was appointed by President Aquino a month ago to replace Philip Ella Juico who resigned over allegations that the Garচিতorena estate in Bicol was overpriced.

In proposing to revive CARL, Santiago told the committee chaired by Rep. Edele Lagman (LDP, Albay) that she favored amendments contained in the people's Agrarian Reform Code (PARCODE).

PARCODE was drawn up by 14 farmers' groups under the militant Congress for a People's Agrarian Reform, which is now campaigning for the rejection of CARL as a "pro-landlord" program.

Santiago called the proposed amendments as the "complete solution" to the problems besetting the agrarian reform program.

"It is an intimately superior piece of legislation because it is not a result of a compromise... It is rational, highly logical and consistent," she said.

Despite her high hopes, the former judge and immigration chief conceded that her proposal could encounter rough sailing in the Congress.



Miriam Defensor-Santiago face to face with Rep. Hortencia Starke

## Senate warned against budget cut

DEFENSE Secretary Fidel Ramos warned the Senate against reducing the military budget as this would seriously affect the government's counterinsurgency drive.

The defense and military establishment is asking both Houses of Congress for a P22.96 billion budget for 1990, a 10 per cent increase over last year's P20.86 billion.

Ramos told newsmen after his testimony before the Senate committee on defense and national security that a higher military budget is needed to maintain the momentum in winning the insurgency war.

While the military has been claiming it is winning the war against communist insurgents, Muslim secessionists and other criminals, it has, however, not yet established a "strategic control" over them.

Ramos said a higher allocation for military operations would weaken the insurgency, the secession and criminality.

"So why should you reduce your effort when you're winning, when you have not yet attained enduring success or permanent victory," Ramos told Senate reporters.

"I think this is something for our people to decide when you suddenly reverse direction, slide down and weaken your effort. I think this is not the way to progress so that we can provide the stability and peace needed for economic takeoff," he added.

Ramos said the proposed 10 per cent increase in military budget is well within the 15 per cent ceiling prescribed by the Department of Budget and Management. This he said will take care of the normal inflationary increases as well as the increases in the services required.

## Court bars motorway toll

THE Court of Appeals ruled that the Philippine National Construction Company (PNCC) has lost its right to collect toll on motorists using portions of the North and South Expressways as it has already recovered its investments on the two projects.

In an 11-page resolution, Justice Floriano Bartolome reversed the decision of then Makati Regional Trial Court Judge Jesus Guerrero (now special prosecutor) on May 28, 1987 allowing the PNCC to continue the toll collections.

The appellate court barred the collection of fees for use of the expressways from Nichols to Alabang in the South, and from Balintawak to Tabang in the North.

The case was elevated to the Court of Appeal by Solicitor General Francisco Chavez and the Federation of Parañaque Homeowners Association (FPHA) which demanded the abolition of the toll on the entire span of the expressways.

Guerrero argued the PNCC has not yet recovered

the construction cost of P73 million spent for the two expressways which were constructed from 1967 to 1977. He added that motorists would not suffer any "irreparable damage" if toll collection was allowed to continue.

PNCC, formerly the Construction Development Corporation of the Philippines which headed by businessman Rodolfo Cuena, a close associate of deposed President Marcos, got its franchise to operate the expressways through a presidential decree in 1977.

Both Chavez and FPHA counsel Ceferino Padua said the PNCC's toll collection from motorists which amounts to P1 million a day was "illegal and immoral."

In his decision, Bartolome said he found sufficient evidence to uphold the petitions of Chavez and Padua. He said that from 1968 to 1977, the toll collection amounted to P190 million against the PNCC's P73 million debt for the construction of the expressways.

## Retired general accused

Unexplained wealth under questioning

By Fe B. Zamora

THE Armed Forces anti-graft board has filed charges of "unexplained wealth" against a retired general and president of a financial institution owned and operated by the AFP.

Charged in a case filed before the Office of the Ombudsman last July 26 was retired Brig. Gen. Jacinto Galang Jr., president of the AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS).

Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez said the AFP board had found that Galang acquired assets which could not be supported by his legitimate income.

Vasquez refused to give details of Galang's "ill-gotten" wealth which will be investigated by his office.

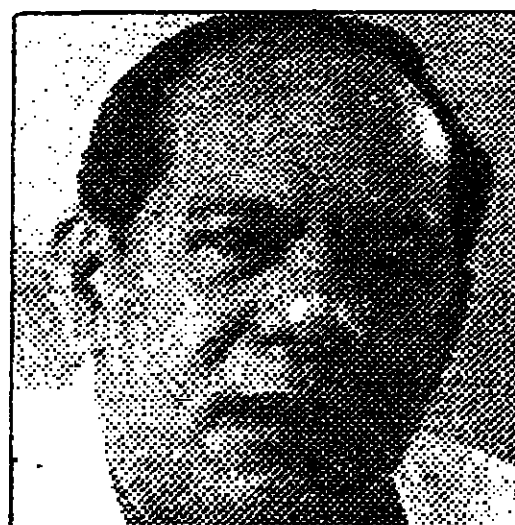
A source, however, said the anti-graft board headed by retired Brig. Gen. Manuel Flores covered Galang's years as comptroller of the Constabulary.

A 1956 graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, Galang was PC comptroller from 1978 to 1984, Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos was the PC chief.

Sources in Camp Aguinaldo said Gen. Renato de Villa, AFP chief of staff, was also sent a copy of the anti-graft board's findings and recommendations on the Galang case.

"We expected him to do something, maybe relieve Galang, but he has not done anything. Maybe he is still evaluating the case," one Inquirer source said.

Sources said Galang owns piggy banks in Carmona, Cavite and San Pedro, Laguna. He lives on No. 2 San Bartolome st., Pasig but is reported to be building a house, with swimming pool, along Coconut Street in Valle Verde Phase IV.



Galang

and their dependents.

The RSBS, with total assets of P2.7 billion, had a net income of P336.8 million in 1988.

Lawyer Gualberto de la Liana, ombudsman chief investigator, said the Galang case will be "evaluated" for its merits. Based on its findings, the ombudsman will either dismiss the case or file the appropriate charges before the Sandiganbayan.

Created in 1986, the AFP anti-graft fact-finding board investigate reports of illicit wealth acquired by soldiers while in the service. It has investigated a total of 518 cases.

The board has recommended the filing of graft and corruption charges against 13 generals and colonels. It also cleared 146 officers and men from the same charges.

## Prosecutors' heads to roll

Ordenez assures Aquino

By Gerry Lirio

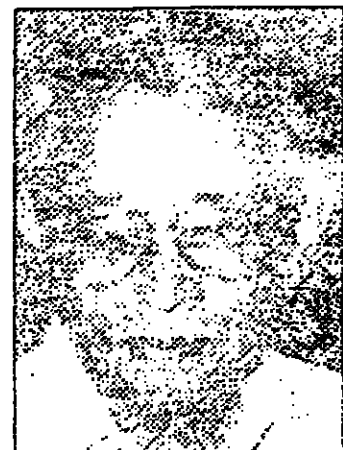
JUSTICE Secretary Sedfrey Ordenez assured President Aquino that heads will roll among government prosecutors who have failed persistently to dispose criminal cases on time.

Ordenez also vowed to file in court at least three cases of tax evasion suits every week against "big-time" garment exporters who have allegedly defrauded the government of millions of dollars in customs duties.

"If there is persistence among fiscals who have been remiss in their duties to dispose of the cases before them in 60 days, I will recommend to the President their dismissal without any justification," Ordenez told newsmen a few hours after a meeting Ms Aquino in Malacañang.

Ms Aquino met with Ordenez to review the performance of various officials in the department. They also met to discuss the alleged graft cases filed against certain DOJ officials and personnel which was submitted Wednesday by Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez.

Ordenez said that he told Ms Aquino that the justice department has suspended the salaries of 406 government prosecutors who failed to meet the time frame. He added that he has also



Ordenez

recommended to Ms Aquino the dismissal of three fiscals.

On the tax evasion cases, Ordenez said that he has filed two criminal cases for alleged falsification of export and commercial documents before a Manila regional trial court.

One suit, he said, was against Reycaan Garments involving some \$3 million in customs duties and the other was against New Feas garments amounting to P64,000 in unpaid revenues.

He said that Trade Secretary Jose Concepcion has referred to him the names of 24 other firms for investigation.

## Salaries not yet decided

THE Senate and the House of Representatives failed to reach a compromise on a salary standardization bill that would increase the salaries of restive government workers.

Rep. Rolando Andaya (LDP, Camarines Sur) said the Senate panel in the bicameral conference committee reconciling two versions of the bill failed to agree on a common position.

But the senators later met at the Philippine Veterans Bank building in Manila and agreed "in principle" to adopt a formula, granting a P2,200 minimum wage for the lowest ranking public servant and P3,800 for public school teachers, proposed by Sen Orlando Mercado.

"It appeared that the senators went to the conference committee meeting unprepared," Andaya said. "(Senator Santanina) Rasul was reading her own version and Sen. (Orlando) Mercado had his own idea of salary standardization."

Andaya said that if the senators could agree on a common proposal, it is likely that the conference committee would have the consolidated bill on Monday.

Andaya, chairman of the House committee on appropriations and head of the House panel in the conference committee, said Senate Bill 862 did not have a "salary schedule" setting minimum and maximum pays for various salary grades corresponding to different government positions.

He said this "flaw" had to be corrected before the conference committee can resume its discussions.

The Senate originally proposed that government workers be paid a minimum of P2,200 a month, and that no salary increases be given to bureau directors, undersecretaries, Cabinet members, members of Congress, the vice-president and the president.

Later several senators suggested amendments to the bill so that the increases could be covered by the P4.2 billion budget set aside for salary adjustments this year.

The House of Representatives, on the other hand, wanted to peg the minimum salary at P1,700 a month.

Sen. Alberto Romulo, principal author of the Senate version of the standardization bill, said the bill initially approved by Senate and the formula suggested by Mercado would be consolidated by the Senate panel before the conference committee meets again on Friday.

Mercado's formula provides a P2,200 monthly pay to the lowest-paid government worker and P3,800 for public school teachers. Middle-grade employees below the rank of bureau director will also receive increases averaging P740 a month.

During the conference committee meeting, Andaya told the Senate panel that Mercado's proposal was not contained in the bill approved by the Senate.

This prompted the Senate panel to ask for a suspension of the conference until Friday, he said.

Andaya said the House panel would keep an "open mind" if the senators insisted on increasing the salary scales approved by the House.

But he said the lawmakers would not be affected by the mass action of government workers. "Whether or not there is strike, we will come up with a just bill."

The 1989 Appropriations Act sets aside P4.2 billion has been allotted for salary standardization.



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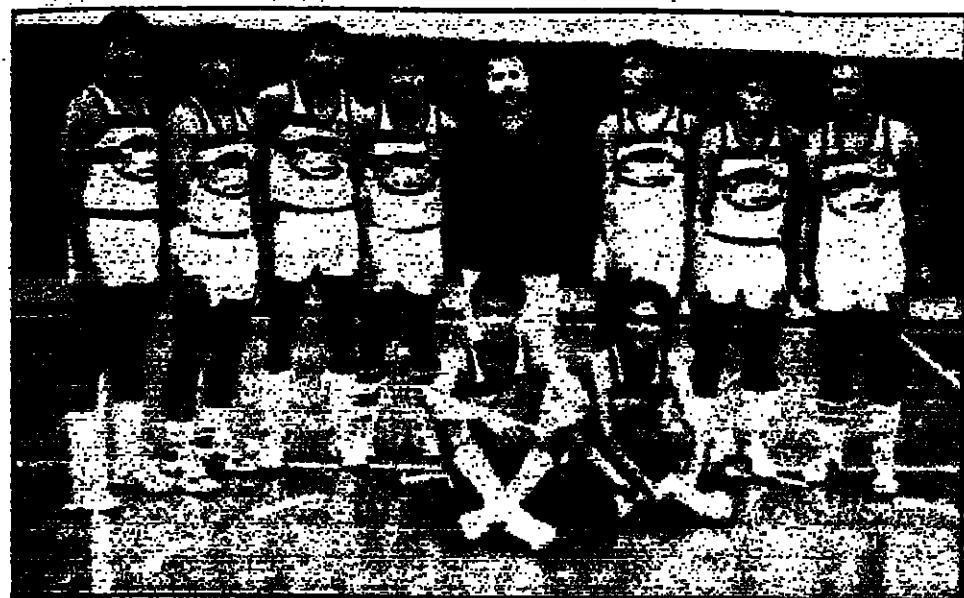












The Magnolia Squad who beat Regency.



Hatid-Ligaya ladies. 2nd place in basketball.



Regency Palace: beat SAS but lost to Magnolia.

(Photos by Mohammed Saeed)

# Al Rashed Freight clinch ladies basketball title

## Hatid Ligaya settle for second place

By Gili Bangalan

AL RASHED FREIGHT dominated board and basket and brought home the champion's trophy in the Palarao Ladies Basketball competition, held at the Keifan gym on Friday.

The Al Rashed quintet employed a tight defense against the vaunted Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh five. Their strategy paid off as they limited Hatid Ligaya's Perez to only 9 points.

Quilarto and Diezmo similarly were handcuffed, leaving Parocha to take the offense for their team. Parocha scored 30 points, but her one-person heroics was not enough as Al Rashed's Aida, Bing, and Rose scored in double figures. The three were ably supported by Judy Izon who controlled the boards and rebounds, and Janet whose halfcourt and court generalship ensured Al Rashed's fluid teamwork.

Nini and Ester provided the hustle that effectively disrupted Hatid Ligaya's teamwork. Final score was 50-43, Aida topscored for Al Rashed with 20 points; Bing and Rose contributed with 13 points each.

With their win Al Rashed earned the championship title and trophy while Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh settled for the second place. Durrani Exchange takes the third place honours.

In the men's division, Regency Palace won by a hairline over SAS Hotel, 88-87. Ecija delivered the winning basket, when he beat the final buzzer and completed his own steal in the last 6 seconds of the ballgame.

SAS Hotel's gained possession of the ball with only 9 secs to go, but he bounced it too strongly against the hardcourt and let it slip from his fingers into the waiting hands of Ecija, who dashed for the basket. SAS Hotel was up by a point in the last 11 seconds, and Jacinto booted a foul from the opponent.

SAS Hotel could have waived the penalty shot, but the bench and the team captain apparently had a crossed communication. Jacinto took the shot and missed. Vergara won the rebound only to lose the ball to Ecija.

Top scorers for the victorious Regency Palace were



The victorious Al Rashed Freight team. Esther Madamba of Mubarak Hospital is the team captain.

Bolito with 25 points, Ecija 20 points, Garcia 14 points, Marudio 12 points, and Riodique 8 points. On the SAS Hotel side, Arganoza sanked 39 points, Jacinto 12 points, Sandoval 9 points, Reyes 7 points, and Dela Cruz 6 points.

In their games earlier in the morning, Regency Palace lost to Magnolia Ice Cream, 129-86, while SAS Hotel also lost to EEI-Kamish, 143-103. SAS Hotel initially gave the scare to the EEI-Kamish quintet as they traded basket for basket during the first half of the game; but the swifter and taller EEI-Kamish five surged to a commanding 30 points lead at the resumption of the second half that left the SAS Hotel quintet puffing for the basket.

SAS Hotel's scoring machine Arganoza, however, proved himself during the game when he broke all records scoring 60 points for his team. Woodgroup Engineering and EEI-Kamish both won their game over Dollarco Exchange who failed to appear in the court due to a delayed bench.

The final games and awarding of trophies will be held on Friday, Aug 18, 1989, at the

Keifan gym. Woodgroup Engineering will take on Regency Palace in the opening game at 8.30 and the SAS Hotel at 11.30.

The much-awaited clash between Magnolia Ice Cream and EEI-Kamish is scheduled at 10.00 in the morning. EEI-Kamish is expected to avenge their loss to the former during the elimination round, and if they win they have the good chance of grabbing the title from the ice-creamers. Magnolia on the other hand is determined to wrest the title. Both teams have an exciting game stored for all fans.

Immediately after the Woodgroup-SAS Hotel game, an entertainment galore—"Revival"—will be presented by the Flaskic, after which the awarding ceremonies will be held. Trophies will be given to the Most Valuable Players, the Most Sportsmanlike Team, the Best Uniform Award, Rookie of the Year, plus other special awards.

The winner of the Miss Palarao '89 shall likewise be announced and presented. All participating teams are enjoined to be present on Friday at the Keifan gym.

There will be a raffle for all

the members. Dinner for 15 persons at the Horizon Restaurant and free tickets for Entertainment City are among the prizes. All Kapilku members must bring their 1989 yellow ID cards for the contest.

Schedule for Friday, August 18, 1989:

8.30 Woodgroup Engineering vs Regency Palace; 10.00 Magnolia Ice Cream vs EEI-Kamish Al Aryan; 11.30 Woodgroup Engineering vs SAS Hotel; 1.00 Entertainment galore "Revival" awarding ceremonies.

## Kabayan to take on the rest

KABAYAN Restaurant, fresh from winning the championship and first runner-up slots of the just-concluded Palarong Pilipino Chess Team Tournament and boosted by their sweep of all gold medals for all board standings, will play an exhibition match against selected players from the rest of the competing teams.

The match, tagged as the "Pizza Italia Chess Classic" will be held on Friday, August 18, 1989, at the Keifan Gym starting at 8.30 am.

Pizza Italia, a staunch supporter of Filipino sports, is the sponsor for the event. Each team will consist of eight players.

Kabayan (champion): 1. Mon Cortado; 2. Jess Betguen; 3. Ding Moje; 4. Romy Pagaduan; 5. Arnel Matutino; 6. Benjie Amansec; 7. Sammy Aurellano; 8. Edwin Borigas. Rest of the teams (challenger): 1. Nanding Policarpio; 2. Rene Mostales; 3. Tony Monreal; 4. Niel Dumlaog; 5. Rolly Boado; 6. Teddy Lagmay; 7. Arnel Martinez; 8. Jun Mercado.

To make the game more exciting, the boarding of both teams will be determined by drawing lots on the day of the match. As in the All-Star basketball game, also sponsored by Pizza Italia, all the participants and lucky winners will receive valuable prizes and surprise gifts courtesy of Pizza Italia.

Kuwait Towers will also donate prizes to the winning team and distribute key chains to all spectators. This event is being organised by Kapilku.

All participants should attend a meeting on Monday, August 14, 1989 at 7.00 pm at Kabayan Restaurant.



One of the spectators shows her joy as her team wins.



A section of the crowd.

## Contreras triumphs

By Bojo Hamdan

THE annual PBAK Bowling Marathon was held last week wherein more than 60 participants displayed their skills and stamina in a 9-game series for women and 12-game series for men.

The 3-day competition was supervised by Jun Cheng and Rudy Zablan, and sponsored by Al Rashed Freight through its manager Bilal Barqawi.

Cecili Contreras proved her might by emerging as the champion in the women's division with a series of 1609 (561, 533, 515) and an average of 178.6 per game. Baby Penolosa came in second with 1593 (527, 556, 510) and an average of 177 per game. In third slot was Bojo Hamdan with 1582 (587, 494, 501) averaging 175.7 per game. Cora Paras finished 4th with 1480 (506, 478, 496) with an average of 164 per game.

Jun Manalo gained recognition when he outplayed more seasoned bowlers and earned the championship trophy in the men's division with an impressive 2306 (759, 721, 826) averaging 192 per game.

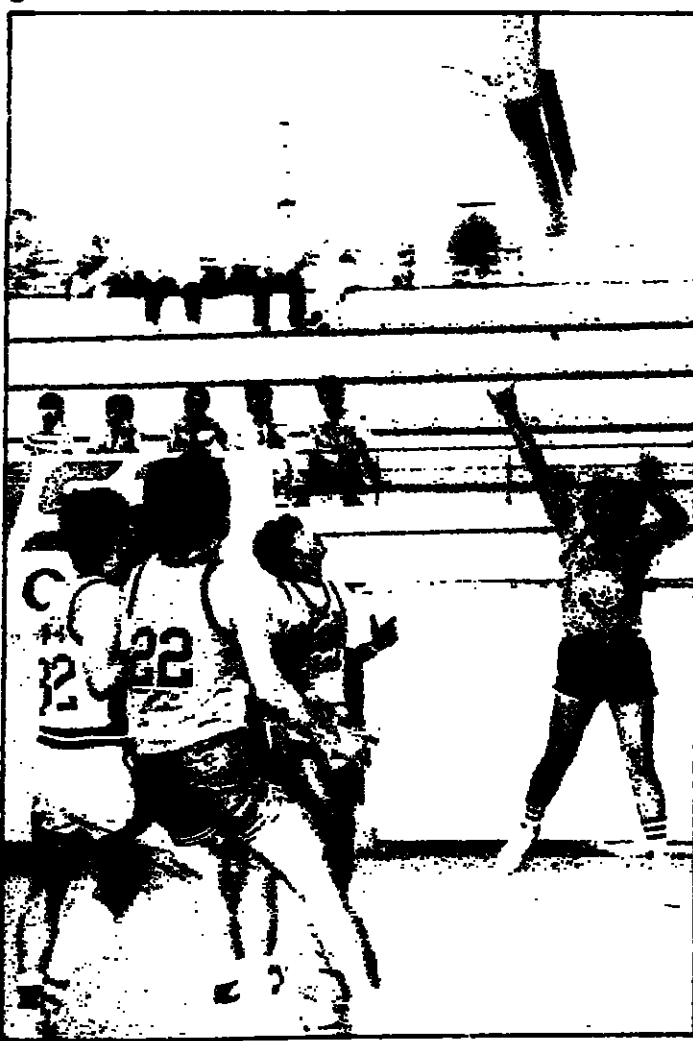
Veteran Arthur Reyes, came in second with 2269 (767, 730, 772) with 189 average per game. Malaysian Komaruddin Ahmed was third with 2229 (654, 824, 751) batting an average of 185.7 per game.

Experienced Lando Caburao, settled in 4th slot with 2210 (830, 728, 652) averaging 184 in a game. Following close was Thailander Anukul with 2208 (781, 730, 697) and an average of 184 per game. Not to be left behind was consistent and reliable Pete Valisno with 2206 (769, 685, 752) averaging 183.8 per game thus holding on to 6th place.

High Game score was taken by Lando Caburao with 830/4 games and Bojo Hamdan with 587/3 games.



The Trico men's bowling team.



A Kuwait Regency team member shoots at the basket.



Palarao basketball officials: Sitting (L-R) Nestor Valencia, Ding Chavez and Manny Pena; second row — Ed Amores, Greg dela Cruz; vice chairman basketball committee, and Hector Santos Standing (l-r) Rod Cerezo, coordinator and Gil Bangalan, basketball committee chairman.



The participants at the bowling tournament.

## Tadena opens Inter-Commercial Bowling League tournament

THE 1989 Inter-Commercial Bowling League organised by the PBAK was officially launched on Friday at the Club 300. Jimmy Tadena, the tournament director, opened the ceremonies with a welcome speech and presented to the participants the official rules and regulations of the league.

Tino Ocampo, the acting O.I.C. of the Philippine embassy in Kuwait, gave an inspirational message and rolled the ceremonial first bowl.

Immediately after the brief programme, lots were drawn to determine the playing schedules and the first set of teams started their games.

The results of the first day games were as follows:

High Game  
Lynne Reyes — 205 (Female)  
Rollie Galicha — 237 (Male)  
High Series  
Eva Sabay — 554 (Female)

Arthur Reyes and Rollie Galicha (589) (Male)	57	10
Results	56	29
Ladies' Division	56	11
Win Points Remainder	55	21
Far East Restaurant	54	20
Trico Int'l	53	22
Sunflower Restaurant	53	15
Al Sara Design	52	45
Men's Division	50	26
Trico Int'l	49	14

Al Safat	57	10
Cabana	56	29
Magnolia	56	11
N.T.C.	55	21
Al Zamami	54	20
Jokers	53	22
Phil Supreme	53	15
Tectron	52	45
Al Rashed	50	26
Hempel	49	14

Pullman	47	44
On Thursday, August 17, at 6 pm, NTC traders will see action against the Al Rashed freighters; The Phil Supreme group will play against the Trico Int'l forwards; and the American Jokers will pit skills against the Arab team of Al Safat.		
On Friday, August 18, at 9 am, the ladies' teams will play. Trico forwards will contend with the Far East caterers, and the Al Sara		

designers will be matched against Sunflower food specialists.

At 6 pm on Friday, the Malaysian Tectronies will play against the Cabana quintet, the Magnolia flours will play against the Hempel team and Al Zamami squad will see action against the Pullman Hoteliers.

The participants are requested to come 15 minutes before playing time. The deadline for the settling of entry fees is on Friday, August 18. Bojo Hamdan



# Becker top seed for ATP tournament

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12. (AP) — Boris Becker, winner of three Wimbledon championships including the 1989 title, was seeded No. 1 in a draw yesterday for the \$602,500 Association of Tennis Professionals Championship.

The West German star leads a 64-player field that begins competition Monday through Aug. 20 in the ATP tournament at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Centre in Mason, north of Cincinnati.

Stefan Edberg, the Swede who won the 1988 Wimbledon title, was seeded No. 2 for this

year's ATP tournament.

Mats Wilander, of Sweden, was ranked No. 3. Wilander, winner of the Australian, US and French Opens, has won the ATP's singles championship four of the past six years.

Michael Chang was seeded fourth and Brad Gilbert fifth.

Wilander, 24, first won the ATP tournament in 1983 when he beat John McEnroe for the singles title. He defended his title in 1984 by defeating fellow Swede Anders Jarryd, but lost

in 1985 to Becker.

Wilander also won the ATP singles crown in 1986, over Jimmy Connors, and 1988, over Edberg.

Qualifying play for eight slots in this year's 64-man field began today at the Mason courts and continues through tomorrow. Among those who must qualify to earn spots in the ATP are Ken Flach and Rick Leach.

Top-ranked Ivan Lendl and McEnroe, Connors and Andre Agassi opted to pass up the

ATP and instead play next week in the Canadian Open in Montreal.

The field will not include 1987 Wimbledon champ Pat Cash, Mikael Pernfors, Aris Mantsdorff, Darren Cahill, Christo van Rensburg and Dan Goldie. All withdrew Thursday night because of injuries.

They will be replaced by Vijay Amritraj, Danny Visser, David Pate, Niclas Kroon and Nuno Marques.

## Navratilova beats Mandlikova

### Sabatini brushes aside Lindqvist

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug. 12. (UPI) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova moved into the semi-finals with a hard-fought 7-5, 6-4 victory over Hana Mandlikova of Australia yesterday at the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

Second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, No. 3 Pam Shriver and No. 4 Zina Garrison also swept into the semifinals with straight set victories.

Today, Navratilova was to meet Garrison and Sabatini played Shriver.

Navratilova, a five-time winner of the event, needed a brilliant effort to off-set the sensational shot-making of fellow former Czechoslovak Mandlikova in the 80-minute match.

Two breaks a piece levelled the opening set at 5-5. But Navratilova used a decisive break in the 12th game to nail down the win as Mandlikova hit a forehand long.

Mandlikova, ranked No. 18 worldwide, held a 3-2 lead in the second set as they traded breaks. Navratilova got even at 4-4 with a break in the eighth game. She



Navratilova returns a shot to Mandlikova. (Reuter wirephoto).

then claimed victory with another break in the 10th.

"The difference in the match was that I was able to attack her

serve better than she was able to attack mine," said Navratilova, 32, who picked up her 15th victory in the last 16 outings.

Sabatini, 19, used her heavy topspin baseline game to wear down eighth seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden, 6-2, 6-4. Garrison, of Houston, runner-up last week to Steffi Graf in San Diego, topped No. 12 Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-4, 6-2, and Shriver powered past No. 5 Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3, 6-4.

Sabatini won the opening set by parlaying a pair of early service breaks in the first and third games.

"Yesterday I played much better than today," said Sabatini, who had routed her previous opponents Australian Jenny Byrne and Mary Lou Daniels of Chicago.

Lindqvist grabbed the lead 3-1 in the next set, but couldn't hold it as Sabatini ran off four consecutive games with breaks in the fifth and seventh to take a 5-3 lead. Lindqvist held for 5-4 before the Argentine served out the match.

Garrison, ranked sixth, won for the second week in a row over Tauziat.

"I hit well from the backcourt

and returned well," Garrison said, adding that the difference in yesterday's match was that "when she came in, I hit passing shots when I needed to. I hit them to go up and stay up."

Shriver said the 71-minute win over Fernandez was her finest hardcourt performance in many months.

"It's the best outdoor match I've served and played in two years," she said.

Employing her classic serve-and-volley strategy, Shriver used the only break — coming in the pivotal fourth game — to take the opening set. She took a 4-3 advantage in the next set with a break in the seventh game before closing out the victory with an ace on her fourth match point.

Navratilova, who holds a 23-1 record against Garrison, said today's match will be "a footnote to the net. We'll be attacking each other the whole time." Although Shriver leads Sabatini 5-4 in career meetings, she said she would need to repeat yesterday's strong performance to get past the Argentine, whom she hasn't faced this year.



Stefan Edberg: made to fight for win

## Edberg struggles past Matuszewski

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12. (Reuter) — Top-seed Stefan Edberg came back from the brink of elimination to defeat little-known American Richard Matuszewski and reach the semifinals of the \$417,500 US Hardcourt Tennis Championship yesterday.

For the first time this week, Edberg was tested as he struggled to beat the 10th seed Matuszewski 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

In other quarter-final action, second-seed John McEnroe crushed eighth-seeded fellow American Tod Whitken 6-1, 6-0 and fourth-seeded American Aaron Krickstein advanced with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over compatriot Pete Sampras.

The expected semifinal form did not hold up in the case of third-seed Tim Mayotte, however. The American known as gentleman Tim dropped a tough match to fifth-seeded compatriot Jay Berger 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

The third-ranked Edberg's game was clearly off the awesome form he has displayed earlier in the tournament — his first since losing the Wimbledon final.

"I've been in these situations before," Edberg said. "In a tight situation you have to bring out the best from yourself."

The hard-hitting Matuszewski, ranked 59th, played clever tennis and took advantage of Edberg's sub-par form to win the first set.

The Swede used his greater experience to level the match although he let a 5-2 lead slip to 5-4 before breaking the American in the 10th game.

Although Edberg seemed in control in the third set going up 3-0, Matuszewski refused to fold. He levelled the set at 3-3 and then broke at 30-40 in the seventh game when an Edberg volley sailed long.

But despite serving for the match at 5-4, Matuszewski never reached match point.

The talented Edberg broke back in the 10th game and went home a winner of his second match point against Matuszewski's serve in the 12th game.

"It was a tough night for me to play," said Edberg. "Not many things were going for me."

## New Mexican owners sail Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 12. (Reuter) — The new Mexican owners of the controversial Catamaran Stars and Stripes, in which the San Diego Yacht Club defended the America's Cup last year, took the multi-hulled boat out for a practice sail yesterday.

"Everything worked perfectly today. Everybody was waving to us when we sailed by," Victor Tapia, Jr. told Reuters from the San Diego compound where the Mexican crew will practice for the next month before moving the Catamaran south to its new home.

Mexican businessman Victor Tapia, who runs a boat charter operation out of the resort town of

Huaculco in the state of Oaxaca, took possession of the 60-foot Catamaran last week.

Gino Morrelli, one of Stars and Stripes' designers who assisted with the sale, said the boat, its containers, two hardsail rigs, and other equipment were purchased by Tapia for \$300,000 approximately one tenth its original cost — from the financially-troubled Sail America Foundation.

The San Diego Yacht Club last September used the Catamaran to successfully defend the America's Cup against the Mercury Bay Boating Club's huge monohull sloop New Zealand.

## Barkley asks Nunn to back up his insult

RENO, Nevada, Aug. 12. (UPI) — Iran Barkley, whom Michael Nunn considers only as smart as an onion, yesterday challenged the International Boxing Federation middleweight champion to use his fists to back up his insult.

"I haven't denigrated any fighter the way he has said things about me," Barkley said at the final news conference before Monday night's 12-round title bout. "I have no animosity toward anyone, but Michael Nunn has been saying this and that."

"He said I've got the IQ of an onion. He says I'm ugly. He says I'm a robot man. He showed disrespect. He called me Bark-Bark. I accept it. But Michael Nunn is a champion. He should handle himself better."

Nunn, 33-0 with 23 knockouts, said he was insulted when Barkley downplayed Nunn's performance in winning the crown last July. Nunn beat Frank Tate. Barkley's stablemate at the time, for the title.

In March, Nunn knocked out former World Boxing Association title-holder Sumbu Kalam-bay.

"(Barkley) called it a miracle punch," Nunn said. "When I knocked out Juan Roldan (in November), he said Roldan quit. That let me say things. My mother always said, 'don't do or say anything if you can't back it up.' I'll do it."

Barkley, the former World Boxing Council 160-pound champion, stopped Nunn at that point.

"You're going to see thunder in the night, then we'll see," the challenger said.

Nunn got in one more jab before another question could be asked.

"You'll have respect or I'll beat it out of you," he said.

Nunn is anywhere from an 8-1 to a 9-1 favorite in the Reno sports books.

"If they want to make me an underdog, that's fine," said Barkley, 25-5 with 16 KOs. "Michael Nunn is a great champion. I don't worry about what people say or how they feel. I'm here to do a job."

"If it's 10-1 or not, it makes no difference. I'm not fighting 29,000 guys out there. It doesn't matter what everybody else says because they're not getting in there."

Barkley, one of boxing's celebrated brawlers, said Nunn's speed is a concern.

"I don't fear no man, I fear God," he said. "I've got fear for his boxing ability. You've got to be very careful of that. He moves very well. I'll catch up to him, though."

"I'm not only going to have to knock him out, I think I'll have to knock a hole through him to win."

Nunn said Barkley will regret stalking him.

### Watson three shots off pace

## Reid takes two-stroke PGA lead

HAWTHORN WOODS, Ill., Aug. 12. (Reuter) — The mysterious disappearance of the wind made for another birdie-filled day at the PGA Championship yesterday as the players went about the business of solving the challenge of the Kemper Lakes course.

Former Masters Champion Craig Stadler put the puzzle together best with a flawless eight-under-par 64, but it was Mike "Radar" Reid who stood out when the day's play ended.

Reid, whose round was interrupted by a one-hour 45-minute suspension due to lightning, improved his overnight lead to two strokes after shooting a five-under 67 for an eye-opening total of 11-under-par 133.

Reid's first-round co-leader, Leonard Thompson, joined Stadler in a tie for second at nine-under-par after another day without wind brought more low scores following Thursday's PGA Championship record for 49 sub-par rounds.

Tom Watson, who needs this title to complete a rare career Grand Slam, stayed in the hunt with a 69 that left him just three shots behind Reid at 136.

With Chicago's renowned wind failing to make an appearance, Stadler bagged eight birdies for his 64, one stroke short of the tournament's record low round shared by Bruce

Crampton, Raymond Floyd and Gary Player.

Reid's 133 total put him well on course to break the best ever 72-hole score in the 71-year-old event of 271 achieved 25 years ago by Bobby Nichols at the Columbus Country Club.

"I thought even-par or even one or two over might win here," Stadler said. "I expected 20-25 mph (30-40 kph) winds. It still might end up that way if it starts blowing," Stadler said.

Winds would heighten the dangers posed by the water that weaves through and along the greens, which have been softened by recent rain.

The forecast for today, however, calls for winds of less than five mph (eight kph) and 20 per cent chance of rain.

Dave Rummells, who shot 69 to stand in a group at 137, said he had played the course a dozen times with friends over the years and almost always encountered strong and difficult wind.

"I tell you, this course is playing four to five shots easier because there's no wind," he said.

Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, who thrilled the galleries with superb rounds of 68 on Thursday, met with less success but still managed to stay under par.

Palmer dropped two strokes



Stadler acknowledges cheers after sinking a birdie putt. (Reuter wirephoto)

after a 74, while Nicklaus maintained his four-under standing by shooting even-par.

Reid was particularly pleased with his score since he uncharacteristically struggled with his drives missing five fairways.

"I'm very proud of the way I was hanging in there today," he said.

Watson, for one, was surprised to hear of Reid's problems.

"Mike Reid hits his 4-wood straighter than I hit an 8-iron,"

he said.

Because of the long delay, 24 golfers were unable to complete their rounds due to failing light and they were to return to the massive 7,197-yard layout early this morning to finish before the start of round three.

Officials were quick to halt play because of recent lightning accidents on other local courses. Earlier this week four people were injured by lightning and three more were hurt in another incident yesterday.

US Open champion Curtis Strange, playing with Briton Ian Woosnam, said the electrical storm provided a fright when they were at the seventh hole.

"It flashed right overhead when we were at the green," Strange said. "We just marked the balls and ran."

Strange and Woosnam completed the round tied at six-under along with Masters runner-up Scott Hoch.

Some other notables failed to take advantage of the calm conditions, however, including Spain's Seve Ballesteros, who shot 70 for a 142 total, and Masters champion Nick Faldo of Britain, who shot 73 for 143.

Players who had not finished included former Masters champion Ben Crenshaw, who stood at five-under through 16 holes, and Loren Roberts, who was five-under after 14.

## Athletics blank Angels to regain AL West lead

### Saberhagen takes Blue Jays to task

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (AP) — Mike Moore scattered eight hits and Tony Phillips hit a two-run homer as the Oakland Athletics moved back into first place in the American League West yesterday with a 5-0 victory over the California Angels.

Moore, 15-6, won for the seventh time in eight decisions, getting his fifth complete game and second shutout.

"At first, it felt like I hadn't been out there for a while. I felt almost too strong," said Moore, who hadn't pitched since last Saturday.

Moore is 3-0 against California this year, holding the Angels to four runs in 31 innings over four starts.

"He's one of the best pitchers we've faced," California manager Doug Rader said. "He's been a fine acquisition on Oakland's part."

Royals 6, Blue Jays 2

Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen, 13-5, pitched a six-hitter at Royals stadium for his 10th victory in 11 decisions. He struck out nine, walked one and had a shutout until Fred McGriff hit his 31st home run with two outs in the ninth.

Mike Flanagan, 6-8, gave up 10 hits and four runs in seven innings.

Red Sox 6, Orioles 4

Orioles 4, Red Sox 1

Boston's Roger Clemens, returning from a sore elbow, allowed three hits in seven innings in the first game but Baltimore's



Cleveland Indians' Felix Fermin (right) safely steals second base as Milwaukee Brewers' Jim Gantner fails to make the catch. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pete Harnisch, 2-5, pitched a three-hitter in the second game for his first career complete game.

Clemens, 12-8, struck out eight, walked five and allowed two runs and threw 123 pitches, sending Baltimore to its 17th loss

in 22 games.

Results

American League

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New York 11 Minnesota 3

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National League

Chicago 9 Philadelphia 2

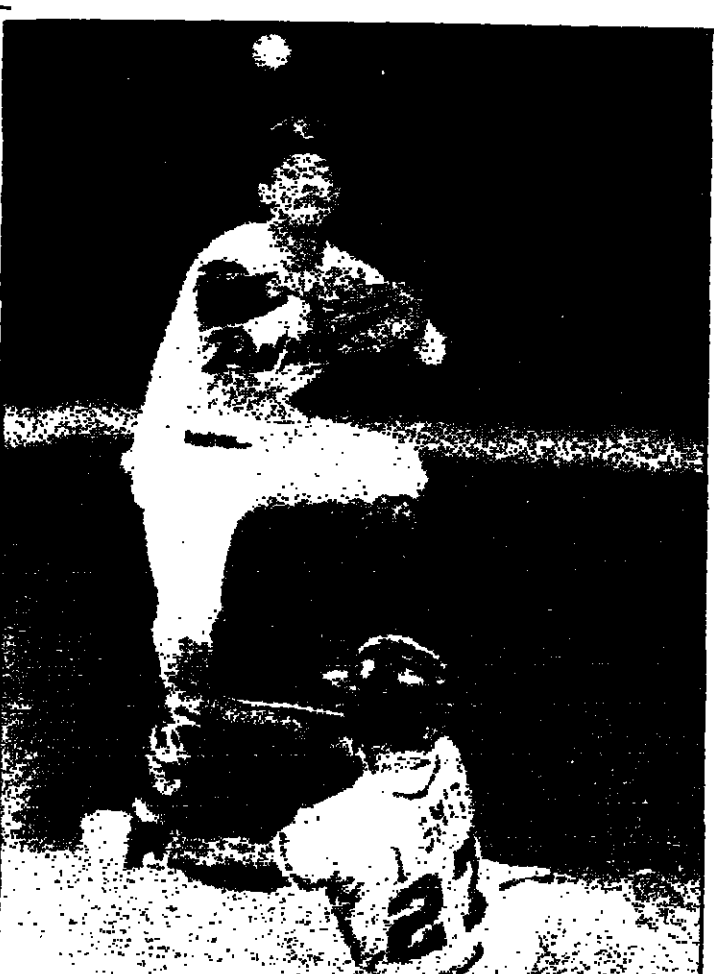
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St. Louis 3 New York 0

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(1st) Atlanta 6 San Diego 5

(2nd) San Diego 2 Atlanta 0



San Diego Padres' Roberto Alomar throws to first after forcing out Atlanta Braves' Lonnie Smith during a double play attempt. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ovett and Coe set for meet

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 12. (AP) — When Britons Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett were at their peak a few years ago, promoters offered them tens of thousands of dollars to race against each other in their home country.

The public called for them to meet, and newspaper headlines screamed for a confrontation. But the answer from the world's top two middle distance men was always the same: no.

Now, the two former Olympic champions and multi-world record holders, who did more than any others to awaken a passion for track and field in Britain and Europe 10 years ago, are set to meet on a British track for the first time.

But there is no promoter waiting to hand each man a big paycheck once it's over. Instead, Coe, who turns 33 next month, and Ovett, who will be 34 in October, each paid £2 (\$3.60) for the privilege of racing one another at the 100th Amateur Athletic Association Championships.

Assuming they both qualify from their heats, they were to meet in the 1,500 metres final tomorrow.

It would be their first meeting in Britain since they padded around a muddy field as boys in the English Schools Cross Country Championships in 1972, when Ovett was second and Coe was 10th.

Since then, they have met only five times, with Coe leading the head-to-head series 3-2.

In those five races, at the 1978 European Championships and the Olympic Games of 1980 and 1984, they won a combined total of three Olympic golds, two Olympic silvers, one Olympic bronze, one European bronze and one European silver medal.

Between 1979 and 1981, Coe set eight individual world records, and his 800 metres mark of 1 minute 41.73 seconds, established at Florence, Italy on June 10, 1981, has never been bettered.

Ovett set six world records between 1978 and 1983.

Although both are just about at the end of their careers, both appear to feel they have something to prove this weekend.

"The real prize for each man now is his pride. Coe was controversially left out of the British Olympic team last year, but says he is running well enough to end his career in the 1,500 metres in the World Cup in Barcelona in three weeks. He is unbeaten in all five races he has had this summer."

Ovett, who has run a quick 3 minutes 37.40 seconds for the 1,500 metres this season, was upset he was not picked for the team that won the Europa Cup last weekend when Steve Cram, always the junior member of Britain's middle-distance triumvirate, was injured.

The first and second-place finisher in each event automatically qualifies for a place in England's team at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, and Ovett says he is capable of ending his career with a place in the sun in New Zealand next January.

"If the race comes off tomorrow, there will be 13,000 people at the stadium."

## Jackson wants to beat Kingdom

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 12. (AP) — Winning the Amateur Athletic Association sprint hurdles title is one thing. Beating American Olympic champion Roger Kingdom for the third time this season is quite another.

Britain's Colin Jackson, who finished with the silver medal behind Kingdom's gold at the Olympic Games last year knows which achievement he considers more important.

"It was nice to win the 'three A's' he said, "but my race against Roger at Zurich on Wednesday is this year's Olympic final as far as I am concerned."

"I desperately want to beat him, and ideally I'd like to do it by setting a world record. I want to be the world's No. 1 and if I beat him in Zurich, I would have scored a big psychological blow — especially as he went home to train harder after I beat him earlier in the season," Jackson said.

Until Thursday Jackson had run the fastest time in the world this year — 13.11 seconds — but Kingdom bettered that by one-hundredth of a second when he ran 13.10 seconds in Grosseto, Italy.

"I am convinced that 13.1 won't be the fastest time in the world after Zurich next Wednesday. Both Roger and I are sure the world record is going to fall and it will be somewhere like Zurich when we are both flying."

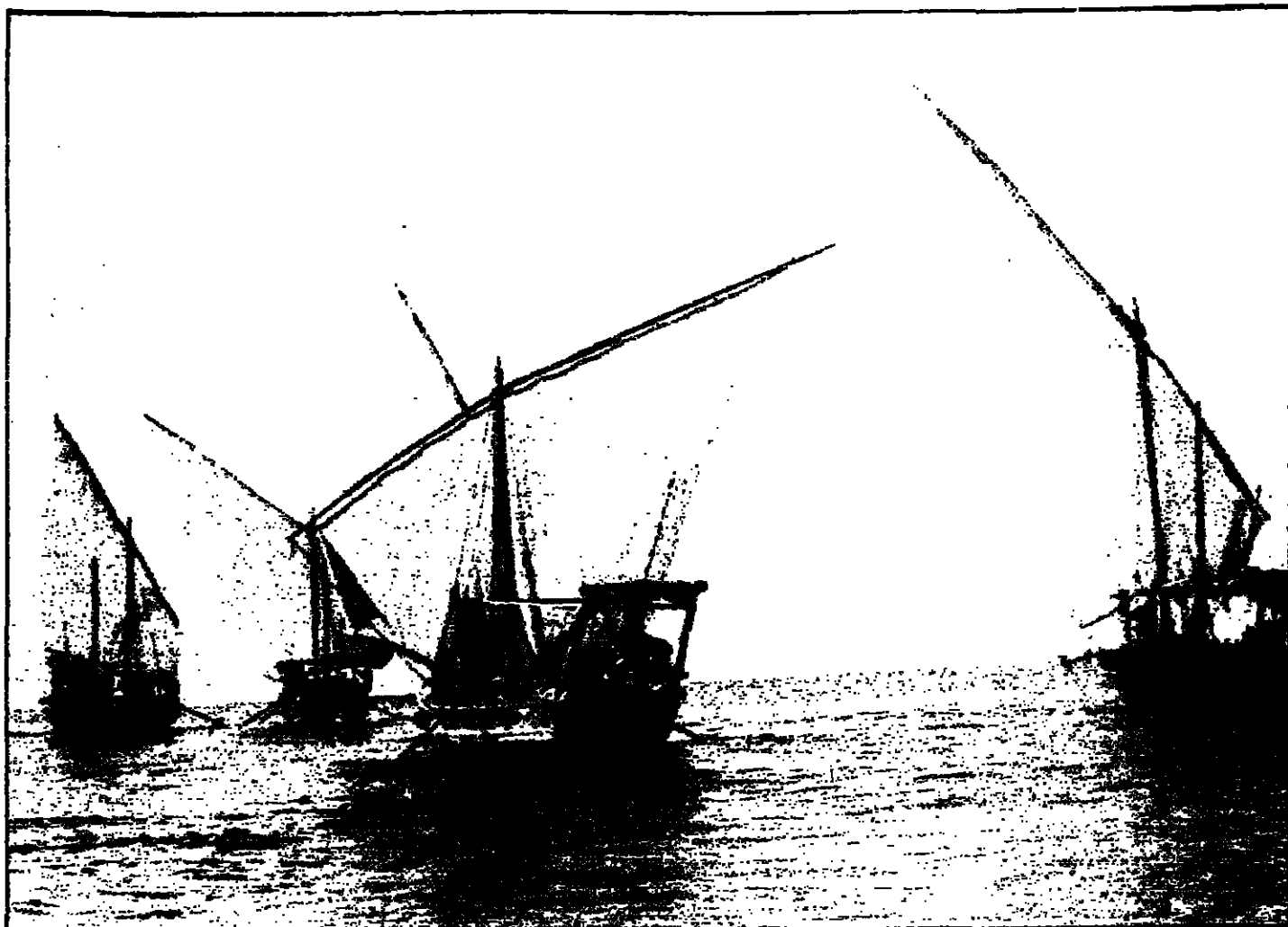


Arab Times

# Special report



One of the divers demonstrates the use of a float used to retrieve the oysters.



Ships sail to the site of the oysters.

## Roots to the deep

By Mahmoud Morsl

A 24-hour trip Thursday to the site where over 120 Kuwaiti young men are involved in pearl diving activity to commemorate the age-old heritage of their Kuwaiti forefathers was undertaken by the organising committee of the fourth Diving Revival Festival.

The trip was intended to facilitate the press delegation to visit the divers. The delegation the largest so far, including 37 journalists, photographers and reporters. The 24-hour period provided the delegation with a first-hand opportunity to closely watch the divers commence their day at sunrise, culminating with a stop in activities just prior to sunset. Capt Hassan Rajab, General Supervisor of the diving trip said.

The Diving Revival Festival has been initiated and supported by HH the Amir. The 12 ships being used by the divers on their present expedition is donated by HH the Amir.

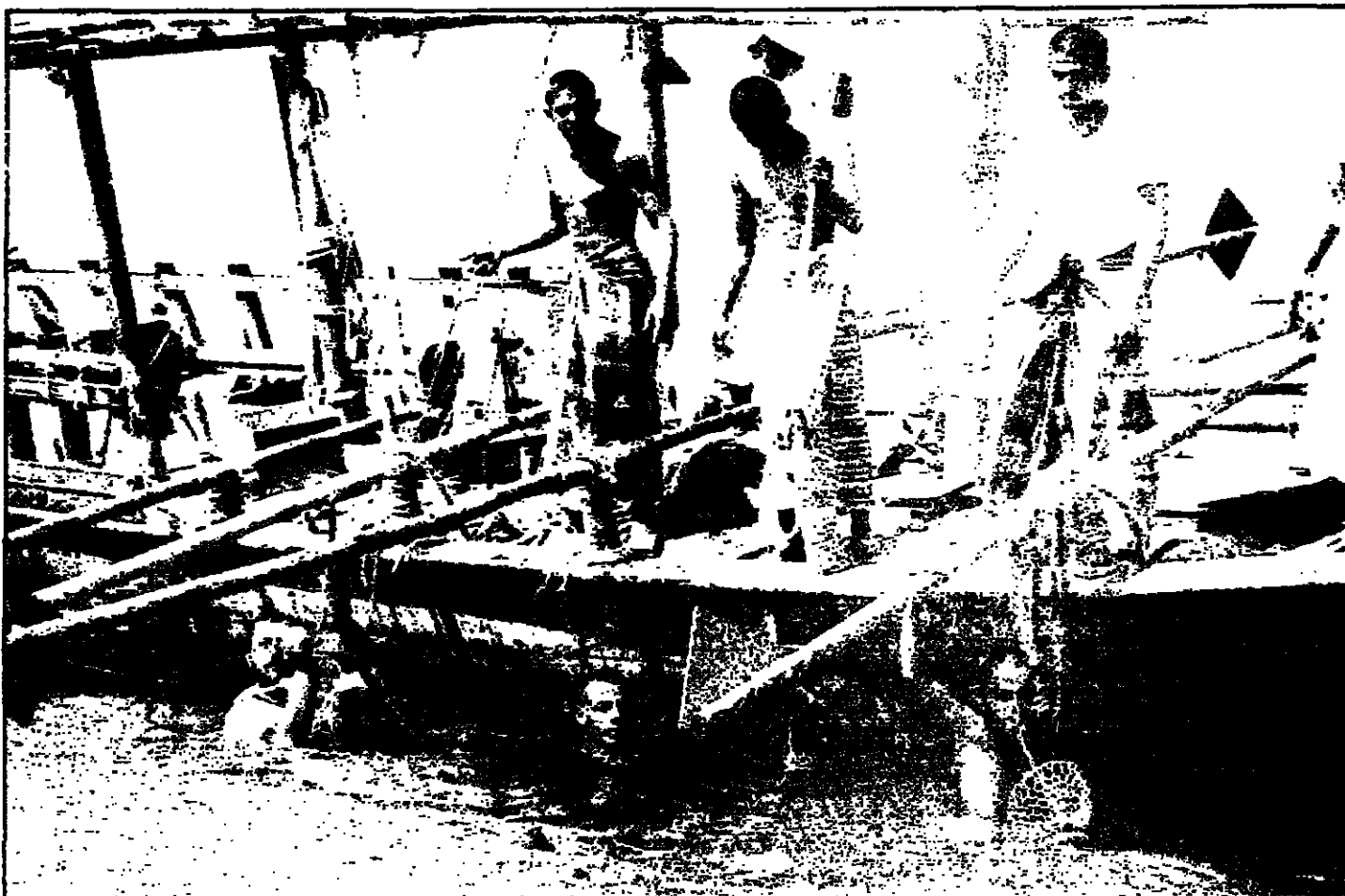
The main objective of the diving festival is to preserve this important marine profession that prevailed in Kuwait society prior to the oil period. Rajab explained that revival of marine heritage does not mean emulating past activities as a means of livelihood. It aims at preserving this profession from being forgotten "as an art" by future Kuwaiti generations. He added that pearl trading will never again witness its past glories.

Rajab said that during the first three-days of the diving trip, the boys obtained 7,136 oyster-shells. The third day alone accounted for a total of 3,177 shells. Opening the shells to look for pearls commenced yesterday. He estimated that the 120 boys — some below 10-years of age would collectively procure about 14,000 oyster shells at the end of the 12-day trip.

Rajab said that 120 young men actually participate, with another 14 standing as reserve in case of emergency. A number of experienced old aged captains who had participated in old Kuwaiti diving trips are supervising the young boys.

The official said that the club may organise a sea voyage using old ships to one of the Arabian Gulf states like Bahrain. The aim of the contemplated voyage is to complete the revival of the Kuwaiti marine heritage — where Kuwaitis before the oil era used small ships to trade with India, Africa and other parts of the world. The club will request the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to provide young divers with some special facilities to encourage other Kuwaiti youths to join such trips.

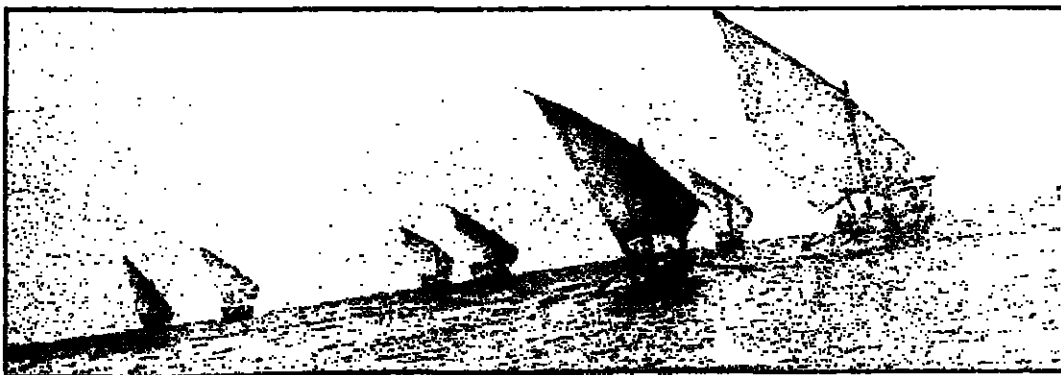
After sunset, a number of old aged seamen recounted their old days in the sea. Some of them over 80 years of age recalled how they made the trips in simple ships to Bombay, Karachi, Aden and African coasts.



Divers come up to store their catch and also take a breath.



The divers sing traditional songs as night curtails their activities.



Ships prepare to return home at the end of the festival.



A young diver takes a long breath before going underwater.



Capt. Rajab



A successful trip calls for dancing by the young divers.



Capt. Hassan Rajab: general supervisor.



Divers open the oysters to take out the pearls.

For your eyes only



# Anti-apartheid leaders to speak to cricket rebels

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 12. (Reuters) South African anti-apartheid sports leaders announced today they were sending a high-powered delegation to London in a bid to persuade rebel English cricketers to drop their plans to tour the republic.

Krish Naidoo, spokesman for the National Sport Congress (NSC), said the delegation would leave for London tomorrow to try to convince the rebels that the proposed tour would be a serious setback for non-racial

sporting ideals.

"The delegation will...generally impress on the rebels that their coming to South Africa will not be in the interest of unity and development of truly non-racial cricket in South Africa," Naidoo said in a statement.

The anti-apartheid NSC is leading the fight to persuade the South African Cricket Union (SACU) to withdraw an invitation to 14 English rebels, with Mike Gatting as captain, to tour South Africa early next year.

The NSC delegation will meet any of the rebels who care to listen as well as the opposition Labour Party, Commonwealth officials and members of the Test and County Cricket Board, Naidoo added.

If the tour goes ahead, it threatens to cause a rumpus in world sporting circles, and Commonwealth nations say they are seeking ways of excluding England from next year's Commonwealth Games in Auckland if the rebels get their way.

The 1986 Edinburgh Games were boycotted by 32 Asian, African and Caribbean states after England refused to implement economic sanctions imposed on South Africa in protest at its apartheid policies.

Two cricketing rebels, black players Phillip DeFreitas and Roland Butcher, have already decided to pull out after intense pressure from anti-apartheid lobbyists.

Meanwhile, the South African chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB) was

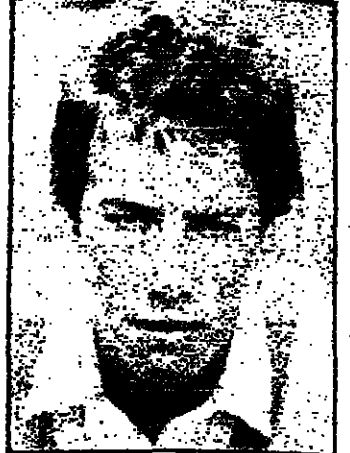
quoted today as saying an officially-sanctioned tour of South Africa due to start next Saturday was on and that the team quality was top rate.

South African newspapers reported that IRB chairman Fritz Elloff was in a buoyant mood after a regular IRB committee meeting in London.

"If it all works out, we will see a very, very good side," Elloff told the reporters. He refused further comment.



Steve McEwan



Derek Pringle

Essex sustain challenge

## Worcestershire keep top spot

LONDON, Aug. 12. (Reuters) Champions Worcestershire maintained their lead at the top of the English County Cricket Championship with a nine-wicket win over Somerset yesterday but still face a strong challenge from great rivals Essex.

Worcestershire, with the weather threatening, raced to victory with stand-in seamer Steve McEwan taking five for 28 as Somerset were hustled out for 145.

But Essex stayed in hot pursuit with a 120-run defeat of Northamptonshire at Colchester. After agreement between rival captains Graham Gooch and Wayne Larkins, Essex forfeited their second innings setting Northamptonshire 261 to win.

Neil Foster and Derek Pringle then took four wickets apiece as the visitors were bowled out for 140. Essex are now 15 points behind Worcestershire.

Lancashire's Warren Hegg equalled a world wicketkeeping record during his side's draw with Derbyshire at Chesterfield. Hegg claimed 11 catches in the match to put his name in the record books alongside Arnold Long, Rod Marsh and David Bairstow. The all-time record for dismissals in a match, including stumpings, is 12.

Derbyshire, chasing 220 to win, finished on 193 for eight. South African Allan Donald helped Warwickshire upset third-placed Hampshire by taking four for 47 in a 61-run win at Bournemouth.

That enabled Middlesex to move into third spot with their comfortable 188-run victory over Gloucestershire. South African rebel tourist John Embury returned match figures of 12 for 66.

Bottom-placed Kent lost again, this time to Surrey at Canterbury. Set 229 to win, Surrey won by seven wickets with Graham Thorpe scoring an unbeaten 85.

### Results

At Cheltenham: Middlesex beat Gloucestershire by 188 runs. Middlesex 222 in 78 overs and 206 for seven declared. Gloucestershire 122 in 39.3 overs and 118 (J. Embury five for 39). Middlesex 222 points Gloucestershire 4.

At Weston-Super-Mare: Worcestershire beat Somerset by nine wickets. Somerset 240 in 79.3 overs and 145 (S. Cook 44, S. McEwan five for 28). Worcestershire 302 for six declared in 96.5 overs and 87 for one. Worcestershire 34 points Somerset 4.

At Bournemouth: Warwickshire beat Hampshire by 60 runs. Warwickshire 229 in 93.3 overs and 110 for two declared. Hampshire 103 for five declared in 51.2 overs and 176 (M. Marshall 46, J. Parks 52 not out, —A. Donald four for 47). Warwickshire 20 points Hampshire 4.

At Eastbourne: Sussex v Leicestershire match drawn. Sussex 258 in 87.4 overs and 191 for six declared. Leicestershire 157 in 79.2 overs and 134 for no wicket (T. Boon 80 not out, N. Briers 48 not out). Sussex 7 points Leicestershire 5.

At Colchester: Essex beat Northamptonshire by 120 runs. Essex 391 for six declared in 103 overs and forfeited second innings. Northamptonshire 131 for one declared in 23 overs and 140 (N. Foster four for 46, D. Pringle four for 49). Essex 20 points Northamptonshire 2.

At Canterbury: Surrey beat Kent by seven wickets. Kent 346 in 108.4 overs and 184 for two declared (S. Thorpe 85 not out, M. Lynch 63 not out, A. Stewart 45). Surrey 24 points Kent 8.

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Lancashire match drawn. Lancashire 373 in 75.2 overs and 201 (G. Fowler 58, Wasim Akram 42, S. Base four for 80). Derbyshire 354 in 89.3 overs and 193 for eight (P. Bowler 63). Derbyshire and Lancashire 8 points.

### Standings

English county championship cricket	W	L	D	Wicket	Points
Worcestershire	18	9	3	6	89
Essex	17	7	2	3	84
Middlesex	17	7	2	3	84
Hampshire	17	6	4	7	84
Northants	18	6	6	4	84
Notts	18	5	5	4	84

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Gloucester 17 5 9 3 32 53 167

Derbyshire 16 4 4 8 32 53 149

Warwickshire 16 3 4 9 34 55 145

Surrey 17 3 5 9 38 142

Leicestershire 17 3 6 8 33 137

Somerset 17 3 4 10 40 130

Sussex 16 3 3 10 45 127

Yorkshire 17 3 5 9 32 141

Glamorgan 17 2 4 11 27 48 107

Kent 17 1 8 8 38 41 95

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Czech GP

PRAGUE, Aug. 12. (Reuters) Semifinal results at the \$175,000 Czechoslovak Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday (prefix number denotes seeding):

2-Horst Skoff (Austria) beat Franco Davin (Argentina) 6-3 6-2; 4-Marcos Filippini (Uruguay) beat Michael Tauson (Denmark) 6-2 3-6 6-3.

### W. German soccer

BONN, Aug. 12. (Reuters) West German First Division soccer results today:

St Pauli 0 Nuremberg 1  
B. Leverkusen 0 Borussia M 0  
B. Uerdingen 2 Cologne 3  
VFB Stuttgart 1 W. Mannheim 0  
Bochum 3 Hamburg SV 1  
W. Bremen 3 Borussia D 0  
Kaiserslautern 5 Karlsruhe 1

### Cup qualifying

NAIROBI, Aug. 12. (Reuters) Results of African World Cup soccer qualifying matches today: Group B: In Nairobi: Kenya beat Liberia 1-0 (half-time 1-0).

### Transfer blocked

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 12. (Reuters) Brazilian defender Jorginho is to remain with Flamengo after a court blocked his move to Bayer Leverkusen because the West German soccer club's transfer fee was not high enough.

### Title bout

EAST ORANGE, New Jersey, Aug. 12. (UPI) The International Boxing Federation will sanction the Aug. 20 Pernel Whitaker-Jose Luis Ramirez lightweight title bout if it can work out a compromise on officials with the rival World Boxing Council. IBF president Bob Lee said yesterday.

### Argentina win

BERLIN, Aug. 12. (AP) Argentina began the defence of its world polo title with a 17-8 victory over Australia yesterday on the opening day of the 2nd world championships.

### Spanish midfielder

UDINESE, Italy, Aug. 12. (Reuters) Spanish midfielder Ricardo Callejo of Real Madrid will join Udinese next season, the Italian First Division club said today.

### Dragons triumph

TOKYO, Aug. 12. (AP) Minutes after Masaki Saito lost a no-hit in the bottom of the ninth inning, Hirofumi Ochiai's three-run homer erased a 3-1 deficit and gave the Chunichi Dragons a 4-3 triumph over the Central League's front-running Yomiuri Giants at Nagoya this evening.

### Archery event

OXFORD, Ohio, Aug. 12. (AP) A US women's team outshot units from Japan and Turkey to win a team title in the National Archery Association's annual target championships. The team of Denise Parker, of south Jordan, Utah; Debra Ochs, of Howell, Michigan; and Kristen Schwartzkopf, of Colorado Springs, Colorado outscored teams from runner-up Japan and third-place Turkey in the Grand FITA team competition.

### Real upset

LA CORUNA, Spain, Aug. 12. (AP) A left-footed rocket by Romanian star George Hagi gave Steaua of Bucharest a 2-1 win over Real Madrid in the opening game yesterday of the Teresa Herrera exhibition tournament, featuring four former European Champions' Cup winners.

# Alderman destroys England

## Smith slams Australia for ton



NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug. 12. (Reuters) Only a magnificent century by South African-born Robin Smith lightened England's gloom as Australia took a vice-like grip on the fifth Test at Trent Bridge today.

Once again it was seamer Terry Alderman who led the destruction of England's batting, claiming five wickets in an innings for the fifth time in the series which Australia lead 3-0.

England were 246 for nine by the end of the third day, still 356 adrift of Australia's first innings 602 for six declared and an impossible 157 short of saving the follow-on.

Smith, batting at number four, came to England's rescue after Alderman ripped out recalled Martyn Moxon and new cap Mike Atherton, each without scoring, in his first five balls.

Alderman struck again to have England floundering on 14 for three when he had opener Tim Curtis leg before for two.

Fellow Australian seamer Geoff Lawson then had captain David Gower caught by wicketkeeper Tim Healy for 11 from another, all too familiar, half-heated wave of the bat outside

the off-stump, and England were in desperate straits at 37 for four. It was then Smith, who made 143 in the fourth Test at Old Trafford, took command.

As if playing on a different pitch against different bowlers to those of his colleagues, he reached his 50 from 80 balls and thrashed 16 boundaries in scoring 101 before he became yet another Alderman victim.

First with fellow fourth Test century-maker Jack Russell and then with the unlikely figure of 40-year-old spinner Eddie Hemmings, Smith transformed the England batting, making nonsense of the earlier dominance by the Australian seamers.

With consummate skill and authority he saw off both Alderman and Lawson and then feasted on the bowling of Merv Hughes, crashing him for five boundaries as 22 runs came from the paceman's first two overs.

Smith dominated the bowling as no Australian had done to England's during their marathon innings which had lasted an hour into the third day before captain Allan Border declared.

Russell and Smith added 82 for the fifth wicket of which the

England wicketkeeper's contribution was 20 before he fell.

An amazing England revival appeared just possible as the pair took the score to 172 for five but then Smith played his first false stroke from the 150 balls he faced, an attempted cut off Alderman edged into Healy's gloves.

The packed Trent Bridge crowd applauded Smith to the pavilion.

Hemmings continued undaunted to reach 38 before becoming Alderman's fifth victim, yet another superb display of controlled, accurate bowling by the Australian.

Angus Fraser and Ian Botham, dropped down the order to number nine after dislocating a finger yesterday and still in considerable pain from stretched ligaments, attempted to continue the defiance, but leg-spinner Trevor Hohns accounted for them both.

He bowled Fraser for 29 and had Botham caught by Waugh close in for 12 and at the close all that stood between England and the follow-on was Nick Cook and Devon Malcolm, both on one not out.

### Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings (overnight 560 for five)

G. Marsh c Botham b Cook ..... 138  
M. Taylor c Russell b Cook ..... 219  
D. Boon c Russell b Cook ..... 73  
A. Border not out ..... 85  
D. Jones c Gower b Fraser ..... 22  
S. Waugh c Gower b Malcolm ..... 0  
I. Healy b Fraser ..... 5  
T. Hohns not out ..... 19

Extras (lb-6 lb-23 w-3 nb-29) ..... 81  
Total (for six wickets declared) ..... 602  
Fall of wickets: 1-329 2-430 3-502 4-543 5-553 6-560

Bowling: Fraser 52.3-18-108-2, Malcolm 44-2-166-1, Botham 30-4-103-0, Hemmings 33-8-61-0, Cook 40-10-91-3, Atherton 7-0-24-0.

ENGLAND first innings

T. Curtis lbw b Alderman ..... 2  
M. Moxon c Waugh b Alderman ..... 0  
M. Atherton lbw b Alderman ..... 0  
R. Smith c Healy b Alderman ..... 101  
D. Gower c Healy b Lawson ..... 11  
J. Russell c Healy b Lawson ..... 20  
E. Hemmings b Alderman ..... 38  
A. Frasers b Hohns ..... 29  
I. Botham c Waugh b Hohns ..... 12  
N. Cook not out ..... 1  
D. Malcolm not out ..... 1

Extras (lb-18 nb-13) ..... 31  
Total (for nine wickets) ..... 246  
Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-1 3-14 4-57 5-119 6-172 7-214 8-243 9-244

Bowling to date: Alderman 19-2-69-5, Lawson 21-5-57-2, Hohns 17-8-39-2, Hughes 7-0-40-0, Waugh 11-4-23-0.

## St Mirren upset Rangers

# Liverpool avenge League defeat